



FINDING CONTACT INFORMATION FOR A CORPORATION OR LLC

This guide will help you perform a Business Entity Search online to find the registered agent responsible for the LLC or business that owns a property.

By searching the Wayne County Register of Deeds, you can determine whether a property is owned by an individual or entity, such as an LLC or other type of business. Once you find the entity that owns the property, you can use the State of Michigan Business Entity Search to find the name of one or more human beings responsible for conducting business on its behalf.

All entities doing business in Michigan are required to register with the state and provide annual status updates, including the name and address of a contact person and often a phone number. This online search is free to use and is operated by Michigan's Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA).

BEGIN YOUR SEARCH

Navigate to http://www.dleg.state.mi.us/bcs_corp/sr_corp.asp and search using three options:

- Business Name
- Business Keyword
- Business Id Number

Using the LLC or business name listed by the Wayne County Registrar of Deeds or other sources such as the deed or property tax listing. Do not include "LLC" or "Co." in your search. If the LLC or business is not listed by name, expand your search to include keywords or partial names to narrow results.

When you find the name that best fits the entity you are searching for, click on the company name link. You will be directed to a page listing the company's resident agent, who is responsible for conducting business in the State of Michigan. This listing should include the following information:

- Michigan business identification number
- Full company name
- Type of business entity (domestic or foreign LLC, LP, etc.)
- Registered agent name (individual or company)
- Date of Michigan incorporation
- Jurisdiction of origin (state where original incorporated)
- Name of company manager (individual or company)
- Registration status (Active or inactive and in good standing or dissolved)



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Registration status tells you whether the company is in compliance with state registration requirements. Company status may be listed as active and in good standing, active but not in good standing, inactive or dissolved with the date of recording.

Sample Registration:

Company ID..... A5555X
Company Name..... Property, Inc.
Type of Company LLC
Name of Resident Agent..... John Doe
Registered Office Address 555 Shady Lane Detroit, MI 55555
Date of Registration 1/1/2000
Jurisdiction of Origin Michigan
Status ACTIVE, IN GOOD STANDING

Below the registration listing, you will see a “view document images” link. Click on the link and you will be taken to a list of “Corporate Entity Documents” or “Limited Liability Company Documents” filed with the state. These documents may include the company’s most recent annual report. Reviewing recent annual reports can alert you to changes in the resident agent or address and provide additional information about the history of the business.

Once you have gathered this information from the Business Entity Search website, you can find more information by searching the company or agent’s name using a engine like Google or sites like whitepages.com. Once you have gathered information about the company, it is up to your community organization to decide how to use the information you have collected.

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