

Topic: Name Availability

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Jurisdiction: Idaho

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Jurisdiction	Question(s)
	Does your state recognize ".com" as a distinguishable word?
Manitoba	
Corporations Canada	
Alabama	
Alaska	
Arizona	Arizona is the same as Washington. Our system strips out punctuation when checking names for availability, so the "dot" in .com is ignored.
Arkansas	
California	
Colorado	Colorado would recognize it as being distinguishable. (We would see "Acme.com" as distinguishable from "Acme". We also see "Acme LLC" as distinguishable from "Acme Inc" or "Acme Limited Liability Company".)
Connecticut	
Delaware	
District of Columbia	<p>In the District of Columbia under our new corporate law (effective January 2012) we will also have "distinguishable on the records" standard.</p> <p>".com" will be recognized as a distinguishable word. The entity qualifier on another hand will not be treated as distinguishable so ABC Inc. and ABC LLC will not pass the test.</p>

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Florida	Yes, in Florida “.com” would make a name distinguishable.....sometimes name distinguishability gets down to one letter.
Georgia	
Hawaii	Hawaii would recognize ".com" as a distinguishable word. We would register Acme.com and Acme. We are also similar to Washington.
Idaho	
Illinois	
Indiana	
Iowa	
Kansas	Kansas would also see Acme.com as different from Acme.
Kentucky	
Louisiana	Louisiana does not recognize .com as distinguishable.
Maine	
Maryland	
Massachusetts	<p>Massachusetts will treat Acme.com as dissimilar to Acme. Therefore, Acme.com LLC is different from Acme LLC. Our corporate name standard is set by M.G.L. c. 156D s. 4.01.</p> <p>See: http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXXII/Chapter156D/Section4.01</p>
Michigan	The business entity statutes administered by the State Of Michigan, Corporation Division provide that the corporate name must be distinguishable on the record. Therefore, if “.com” was included in a name, it would be distinguishable from a name that did not include it.
Minnesota	
Mississippi	

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Missouri	Missouri uses the distinguishable upon the record standard and we would consider the addition of .com to a name distinguishable.
Montana	
Nebraska	Nebraska has a Deceptively similar standard.
Nevada	In Nevada, the addition of .com makes it distinguishable for the purposes of filing with the Secretary of State.
New Hampshire	
New Jersey	
New Mexico	
New York	
North Carolina	North Carolina would see it as distinguishable.
North Dakota	North Dakota has a Deceptively similar standard.
Ohio	Ohio would recognize it as being distinguishable. We would see Acme.com distinguishable from Acme, but Acme.com, Inc would not be distinguishable from Acme.com LLC.
Oklahoma	
Oregon	Oregon would recognize it as being distinguishable. We would see Acme.com distinguishable from Acme, but Acme.com, Inc would not be distinguishable from Acme.com LLC.
Pennsylvania	
Rhode Island	
South Carolina	
South Dakota	
Tennessee	

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Texas	<p>Texas uses the deceptively similar standard and has this administrative rule regarding internet designators:</p> <p>A proposed entity name is similar to an existing name and requires a letter of consent if any of the following conditions exists.</p> <p>(7) The proposed entity name is the same as or deceptively similar to that of an existing entity name except for an Internet locator designation at the end or at the beginning of the name.</p> <p>(A) Example: BusinessWorks.com, Inc. would need a letter of consent from Business Works, L.P.</p> <p>(B) Example: WWW.ARTBEAT Company would need a letter of consent from ArtBeats, LLC.</p>
Utah	In Utah, the addition of .com makes it distinguishable for the purposes of filing with the Secretary of State.
Vermont	
Virginia	Virginia would recognize it as being distinguishable. We would see Acme.com distinguishable from Acme, but Acme.com, Inc would not be distinguishable from Acme.com LLC.
Washington	Washington would recognize it as being distinguishable. We would see Acme.com distinguishable from Acme, but Acme.com, Inc would not be distinguishable from Acme.com LLC.
West Virginia	
Wisconsin	Wisconsin uses the distinguishable upon the record standard and we would consider the addition of .com to a name distinguishable.
Wyoming	

Additional comments:

Full text of email:

Hello Everyone,

Idaho's statute on name availability states that a name "*must be distinguishable on the records of the secretary of state.*"

Does your state recognize ".com" as a distinguishable word?

Thank you,
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