

REQUIREMENT TO SET UP A LOCAL CORPORATION IN BELIZE (Chapter 250)

PURPOSE AND BENEFIT

Incorporating a local company is the first step in obtaining Belizean citizenship. Owners and directors of a local company can invest in Belize, obtain their work permit and after a year acquire Belizean residence. Finally, after holding your residence card for five years, you can apply for Belizean citizenship.

These companies are ideal for local investment, landholding or normal business activity within Belize. They are referred to as "Local Companies", "Chapter 250 (from the number of the actual legislation) or "LLC's". When properly structured, they can provide Asset Protection, Tax Minimization and Confidentiality. They can generally protect the investment from frivolous lawsuits against the owner or owner's associated companies. Separate legal status/entity is a vital and recognized aspect of Belize law.

Annual Filings are due and reveal normally, the minimum requirements being at least two directors (can be corporate directors) their addresses (or in some instances, Nominee Directors for added confidentiality) and shareholdings. This filing requirement is not mandatory for the IBC.

There are no restrictions on foreign ownership (can extend to 100%), repatriation of profits or transfer of ownership. Naturally, there are some very important permissions to be obtained but the firm assists with all such required permits and consents as a matter of routine.

REQUIREMENTS

- Proposed Name and two alternative names ending with "LTD." or "LIMITED"
- Shareholders and Percentage of Ownership (minimum of two shareholders)
- Directors (two minimum with contact information)
- Company Officers e.g. Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, General Manager, etc. (the same Directors & Shareholders can be the company officers)
- Share Capital (Minimum BZ \$10,000.00 divided into 10,000 shares @ BZ \$1.00) (Capital not required to be paid)
- Subscribers (This will be provided)

FEE STRUCTURE

The Cost of setting up a Local Corporation in Belize is as follows:

Processing Fees for Local Corporation	US \$ 500.00
Administrative	US \$ 100.00
General Sales Tax (12.5% of \$600)	<u>US \$ 75.00</u>
Total Processing Fees	US \$ 670.00
Incorporation & Filing Fee to the Government of Belize	<u>US \$ 325.00</u>
Total Due	US \$ 1000.00

PAYMENT OPTIONS

We accept Bank-to-Bank Wire Transfers, Western Union Transfers, Checks, International Money Order, and Bank Drafts for payment of our services.

There is an additional fee for the cost of sending documents by courier. Courier to the U.S., The Caribbean, Central and South America is US \$50.00 and US\$75.00 to Europe.

DOCUMENTS TO KEEP

With the purchase of your Local Corporation you will receive the following documents:

- Original Certificate of Incorporation
- Certificate of Compliance
- 1 Copy of the Memorandum & Articles of Association
- 1 Corporate Seal to remain at registered office - you can request one for you
- First and Second Minutes
- Transfer of Shares to Shareholders from Subscribers
- Allotment of Shares
- Share Certificates
- Resolution of First Directors
- Resolution of First Officers

ANNUAL REPORT

For a fee of US \$175, tax and filing fees included, we can prepare the annual reports for your company as required by Chapter 250 of the Laws of Belize. The annual reports are mandatory and must be filed annually to keep the company in good standing. A penalty fee applies for late filing.

REGISTERED OFFICE

For an annual fee of US \$125, tax included, we provide Registered Office Service, which includes preparation of the following documents, additional of those already registered:

- Annual Register of Directors
- Annual Register of Shareholders