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Corporations Registration  
13-A M.R.S.A. § 104.4

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STATE OF MAINE

Inter-Departmental Memorandum Date June 2, 1977

To Doris Hayes, Deputy

Dept. Secretary of State

From Donald G. Alexander, Deputy

Dept. Attorney General


Subject Registered Offices of a Business Corporation

This responds to your memorandum of May 12, 1977, regarding the requirements for registered offices of a business corporation. Specifically you ask whether a post office box is a sufficient designation of a registered office. We answer in the negative.

13-A M.R.S.A. § 104.4 specifies that:

"The document shall set forth the current address of the registered office in the State of Maine of the corporation, including the street or rural route address, post-office box, if any, town or city, county and state."

The purpose of this section setting out what is to be included in the registration is not only to provide a mailing address for the corporation, but equally important, to provide a site for service of process and other personal dealings which might be required with the corporation. Accordingly, a post office box is not sufficient. An address for the corporate office must be provided which indicates an office where service of process may be made and other personal contacts may occur. A street designation of the corporate office is necessary.

  
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