

How to Form an LLC in South Carolina Yourself (2026 Costs and Steps)

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Quick answer

The cost to file in South Carolina is \$110 when you file online with the South Carolina Secretary of State ([file online](#)).

Step 1: Check that your LLC name is available

Search the South Carolina Secretary of State's business name records before filing to ensure your desired name is available.

Step 2: Choose a registered agent

The registered agent may be an individual South Carolina resident or a qualifying corporation or LLC, with a street address in South Carolina. If you are a South Carolina resident, you may serve as your own registered agent. The registered agent must sign the Articles of Organization.

Step 3: File your Articles of Organization, Limited Liability Company - Domestic (Form F0006)

File Form F0006 with the South Carolina Secretary of State. You can file online at <https://businessfilings.sc.gov/BusinessFiling> or by mail. The filing fee is \$110 for both online and mail filings.

Step 4: Create an operating agreement

Create an operating agreement to outline the ownership structure, member roles, voting rights, and procedures for what happens if a member leaves. This document governs the internal operations of your LLC.

Step 5: Get your EIN from the IRS

Obtain your Employer Identification Number from the IRS. The EIN is free from the IRS (<https://www.irs.gov/ein>).

Step 6: Keep your LLC in good standing

No initial report is required for a standard LLC. A corporate License Fee with a \$25 minimum, paid using form CL-1, applies to an LLC only if it is taxed as a corporation. No annual minimum tax applies to an LLC solely by virtue of its LLC status.

Frequently asked questions

What is the total cost to file an LLC in South Carolina?

The total state cost to file online is \$110, which is the filing fee.

Can I be my own registered agent in South Carolina?

Yes, if you are an individual South Carolina resident with a street address in the state. The agent may also be a qualifying corporation or LLC.

Does a South Carolina LLC have to file an initial report?

Not as a standard LLC. The CL-1 Initial Annual Report of Corporations (with its \$25 minimum License Fee) is required only if the LLC is taxed as a corporation.

How do I file my Articles of Organization online?

You can file your Articles of Organization, Limited Liability Company - Domestic (Form F0006) online at <https://businessfilings.sc.gov/BusinessFiling>.

Want us to file it for you? \$249 plus state fees.

Want the whole business set up? Book a call with BusinessOwner.com.

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