

manifestly this section has no application where the ownership is not transferred. There is no provision of the law requiring any action on the part of the owner in the event of a change in name. Such a contingency might arise either with respect to a corporation or an individual, but the law has made no provision with respect thereto.

That the issuance of new license plates is necessary where there is a change in corporate entity is manifest from my opinion to you, found in Opinions of the Attorney General for 1929 at page 557, which dealt with the transfer of the property of the American Railway Express Company to the Railway Express Agency, Inc. It was there held that the issuance of new license plates was required, but you will observe that on page 558 I stated that the "Railway Express Agency, Inc., is a corporation and legal entity wholly separate and distinct from the American Railway Express Company." Again, in Opinions of the Attorney General for 1928, at page 1135, the same subject matter was under discussion. Mr. Turner in his conclusion clearly shows that the necessity for new license plates is dependent upon whether there is a transfer of ownership from one legal entity to another.

Difficult questions may arise in connection with corporate consolidations or mergers, but the proper rule to be applied is clear in the case now under consideration. There being but one corporate entity, there can be but one answer to your question.

In view of the foregoing, I am of the opinion that, where a corporation changes its name by amendment of its articles of incorporation, there is no authority to require the purchase of new license plates for motor vehicles theretofore owned by the corporation and registered under its original name.

While the identification of the new name can readily be made by reference to the records of the Secretary of State, it is my suggestion that, where information comes to your office with respect to a change of corporate name, your records should contain a notation of such change in order that they may be kept up to date.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*

---

3243.

APPROVAL, AGREEMENT FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE OVER  
THE GREAT MIAMI RIVER IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 21, 1931.

HON. O. W. MERRELL, *Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.*

---

3244.

APPROVAL, CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF  
INCORPORATION OF THE UNION INSURANCE COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 22, 1931.

HON. CLARENCE J. BROWN, *Secretary of State, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval proposed certificate of amendment to the articles of THE UNION INSURANCE COMPANY.

Pursuant to the authority of Section 9594, General Code, I hereby certify that the proposed amendment to said articles is consistent with the Constitutions and laws of this state and the United States, specifically the provisions of Title IX, Div. III, Subdiv. II, Chapter 2 of the General Code of Ohio, under the authority of which The Union Insurance Company was originally incorporated.

Together with the original of the proposed amendment to said articles, I am forwarding herewith a copy thereof. Kindly compare same with the original and if found to be a correct copy, please certify the same and mail to Mr. Wayne W. Garver, Attorney at Law, Rittman, Ohio.

Respectfully,  
GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*

3245.

APPROVAL, FIVE LEASES TO STATE RESERVOIR LAND AT BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 22, 1931.

HON. I. S. GUTHERY, *Director of Agriculture, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This is to acknowledge receipt of a recent communication from the Chief of the Bureau of Inland Lakes and Parks of the Division of Conservation in your department, submitting for my examination and approval five certain reservoir land leases in triplicate executed by the state of Ohio, through the Conservation Commissioner, to the lessees therein respectively named, by which there are leased and demised to the respective lessees, for terms of fifteen years each, certain parcels of state reservoir lands at Buckeye Lake, which parcels of land are particularly described in said respective leases.

The leases here in question, designated with reference to the names of the respective lessees and the valuations on the respective parcels of land leased, are as follows:

Lessee	Valuation
William S. Kindle	\$100.00
William A. Hite	100.00
William E. Trovinger	100.00
Michael Clouse	100.00
Michael Clouse	100.00

The leases above referred to were executed by the Conservation Commissioner pursuant to the authority conferred upon him by section 471 of the General Code, as amended by the 88th General Assembly in the enactment of the Conservation Act, 113 O. L. 551, 553.

Upon examination of said leases, I find that each and all of the same have been properly executed and that the terms and provisions of the same are in conformity with section 471 and other sections of the General Code, relating to the execution of leases of this kind. Said leases are accordingly approved by me, as to legality and form, and the same, together with the respective duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, are herewith returned with my approval endorsed thereon.

Respectfully,  
GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*