No. Texas Secretary of State

Notary Guide for Managing Your Commission

Introduction

This guide describes how a commissioned state of Texas notary public can manage their commission using the SOS Notary Portal self-service options.

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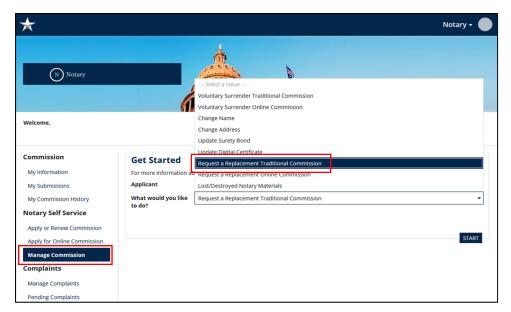
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Manage Commission

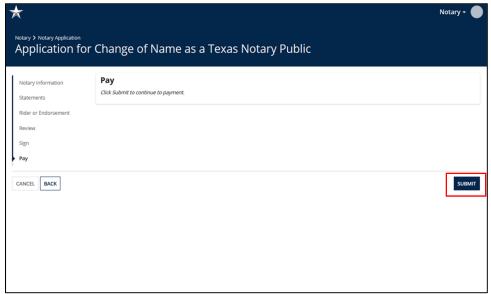
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Request a Replacement Traditional or Online Commission

If you wish to get a replacement digital certificate commission, you can do so by following the steps below.

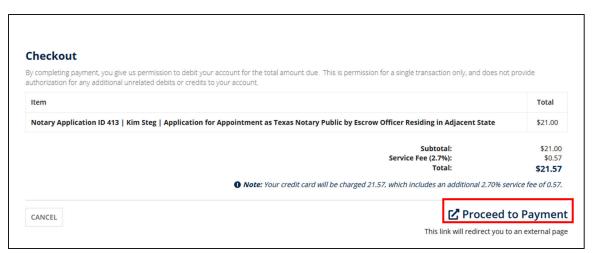


- 1. Click Manage Commission from the Notary homepage.
- 2. At the prompt, What would you like to do?, select the Request a Replacement Traditional Commission option, and click Start.

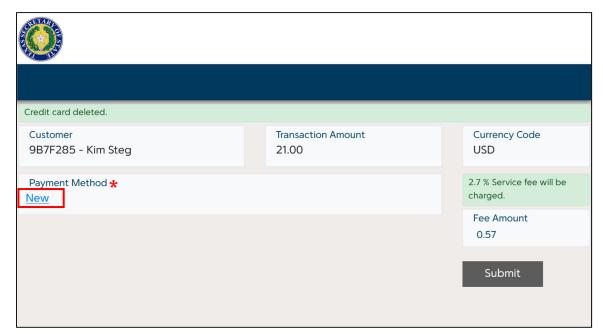


3. Click **Submit** to provide payment for the replacement commission fee.



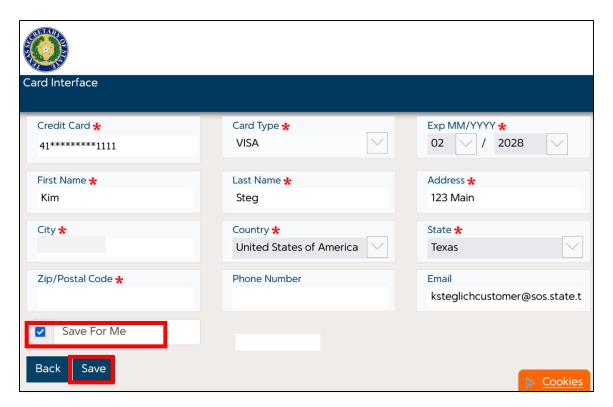


4. Click Proceed to Payment to enter your payment details.



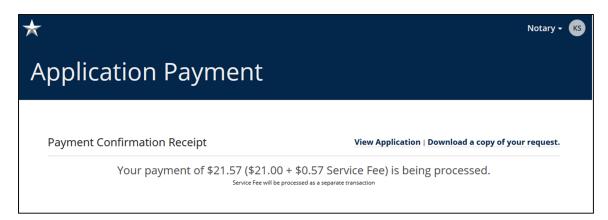
5. Click **New** to enter a new credit card payment method.





6. On the Card Interface screen, enter the required credit card details and click Save.

NOTE: If you would like to save this credit card to a "Wallet" that stores the information for you so that you do not need to rekey it for future use, click the **Save for Me** checkbox.

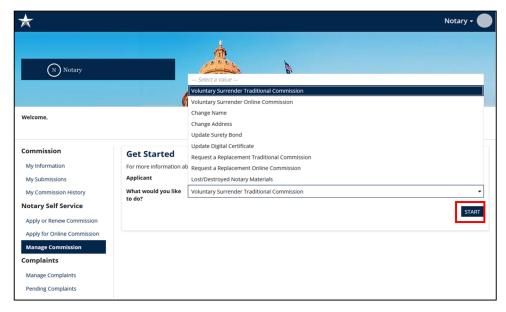


7. The **Application Payment** screen appears showing your receipt for payment. To download a copy of your receipt, go to the **My Payments** menu option in the upper left dropdown menu that says Notary.

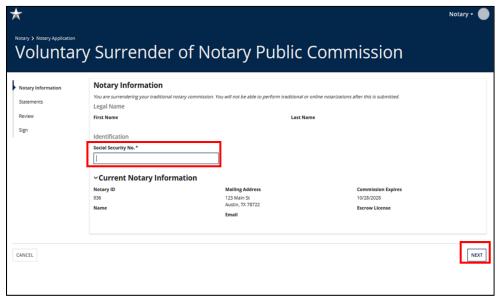


Voluntary Surrender Traditional or Online Commission

If you wish to voluntarily surrender your traditional commission, you can do so by following the steps below.



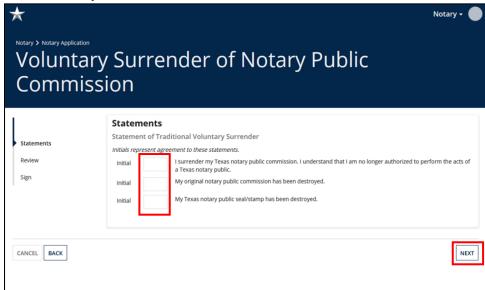
- 1. Click Manage Commission from the Notary Self Service options.
- 2. At the prompt, **What would you like to do?** Select the **Voluntary Surrender Traditional Commission** option, and click **Start**.



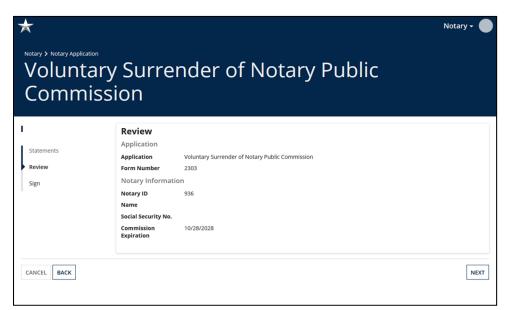
3. Review the **Notary Information** on the entire webpage. If correct, then enter your **Social Security No.**, and click **Next**. *Important: You will not be able to perform traditional or online*



notarizations after this is submitted.

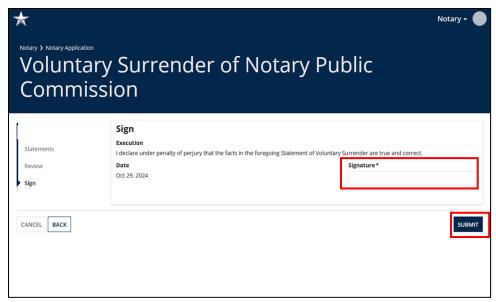


4. Carefully read the **Statements** and type your initials in the three designated areas to certify that information as true and correct. Know that your initials represent agreement to these statements and click **Next**.



5. Carefully review your entries to assure the accuracy of the Notary Information, and click Next.





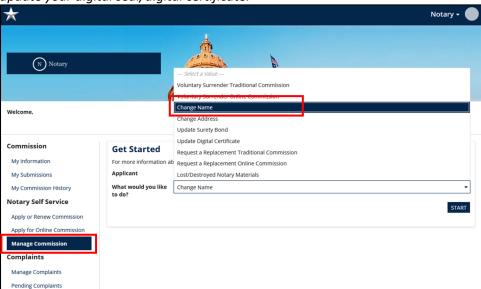
6. Confirm your understanding of the **Execution** statement by typing your full legal name into the Signature box provided and click **Submit**.

NOTE: If you are currently commissioned as an online notary public and surrender your traditional notary commission, you will be required to surrender both the online and traditional notary public commissions.

Change Name

If you wish to change your name on your commission, you can do so by following the steps below.

NOTE: If you are commissioned as both a traditional AND on online notary, this name change request will change the name on both commissions. For online notaries, you will also be directed to update your digital seal/digital certificate.

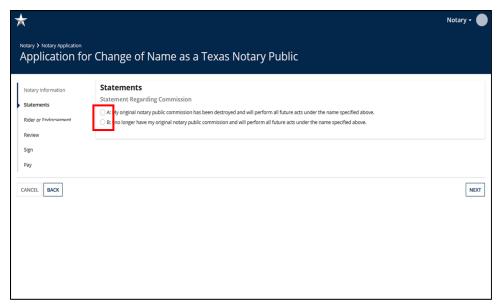


- 1. Click Manage Commission from the Notary Self Service options.
- 2. At the prompt, What would you like to do? Select the Change Name option and click Start.

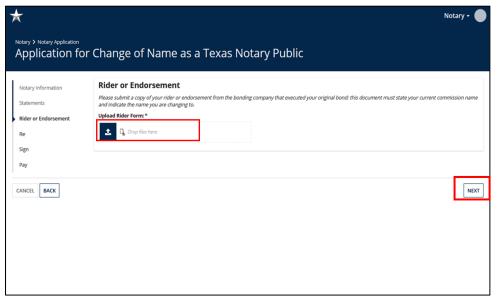


Fill out your Notary Information with the Legal Name for the name change. Enter your Post
Office Address information, and click Next. The Current Notary Information section located
near the bottom of the webpage displays your existing notary record information.
Click Next to continue.



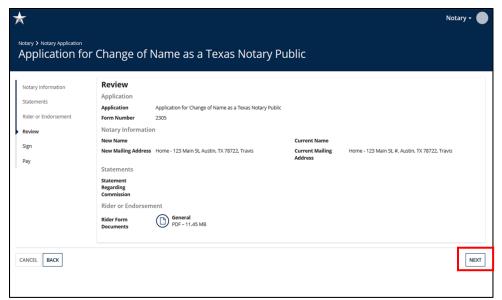


4. Read the following **Statements** and select the option that is true and correct regarding your notary public commission status and click **Next**.

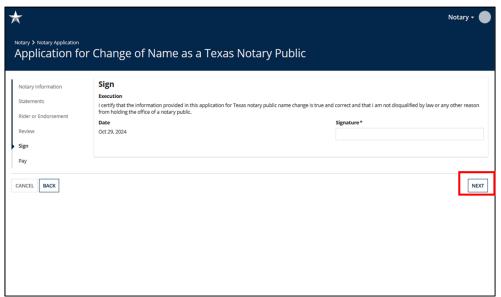


5. Upload a digital copy of the **Rider or Endorsement** from the bonding company that guarantees your notary public commission by either clicking the Upload button or drag/drop the file into the space provided. **Be sure to upload the document(s) that identify both your current legal name and the legal name change for your notary public commission, and click Next**.



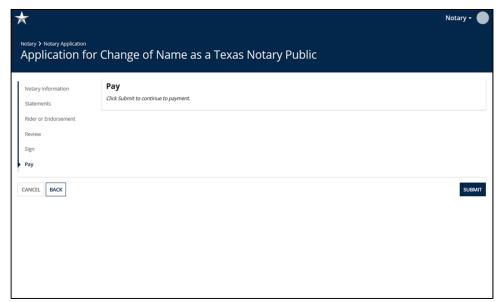


6. Carefully review your entries to assure the accuracy of the **Notary Information**, **Rider or Endorsement**, and uploaded documents. Click **Next** to continue.

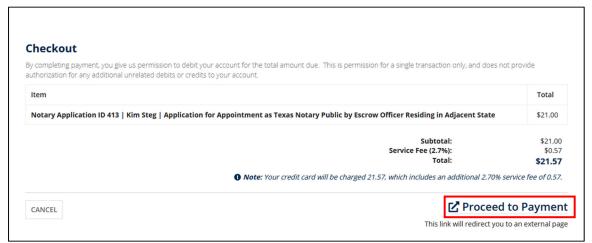


7. Confirm your understanding of the **Execution** statement by typing your full legal name into the Signature box provided and click **Next**.



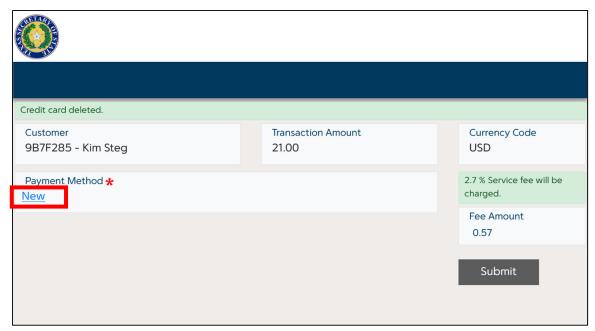


8. On the Pay screen, click **Submit** to submit a payment for the fee.

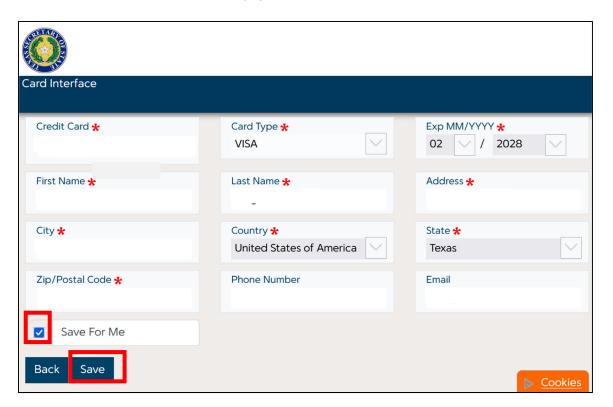


9. Click Proceed to Payment to enter your payment details.





10. Click **New** to enter a new credit card payment method.



11. On the **Card Interface** screen, enter the required credit card details and click **Save**.

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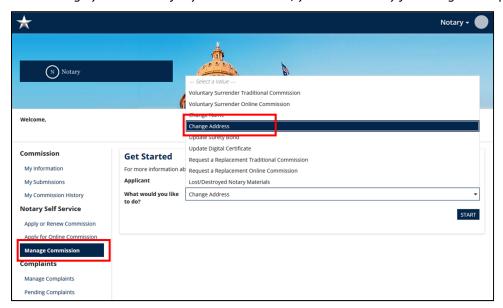




12. The **Application Payment** screen appears showing your receipt for payment.

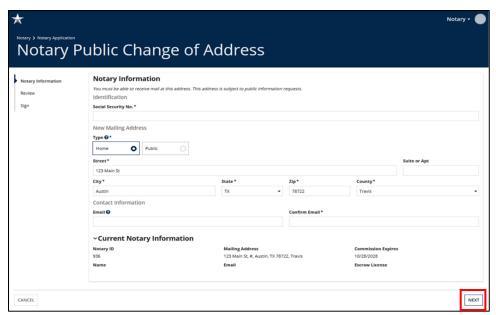
Change Address (Mailing and/or Email)

If you wish to change your address for your commission, you can do so by following the steps below.



- 1. Click Manage Commission from the Notary Self Service options.
- 2. At the prompt, What would you like to do? Select the Change Address option, and click Start.





3. On the **Notary Information** page, enter your **Social Security No.** as Identification. Enter your **New Mailing Address** and **Contact information** and click **Next**.



 Carefully review your entries to assure accuracy of updated Notary Information such as New Mailing Address and New Email, and click Next.

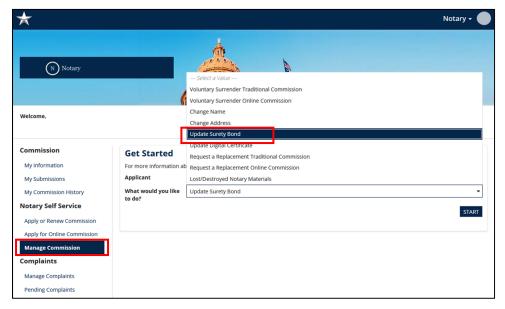




5. Confirm your understanding of the **Execution** statement by typing your full legal name into the Signature box provided and click **Submit**.

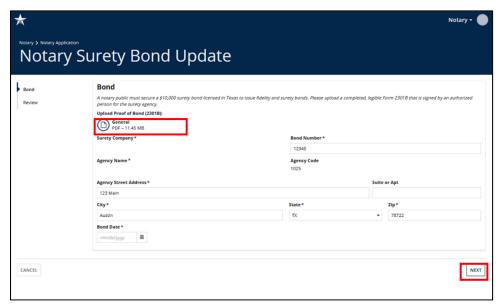
Update Surety Bond

If you wish to update the surety bond for your commission, you can do so by following the steps below.



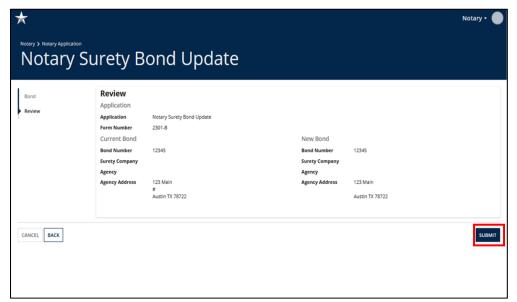
- 1. Click Manage Commission from the Notary Self Service options.
- 2. At the prompt, **What would you like to do?** Select the **Update Surety Bond** option and click **Start**.





3. At the top of the **Bond** page, **Upload** your Proof of Bond form by either clicking the Upload button or selecting the file on your computer or drag/drop the file into the space provided on the screen.

Important: You must upload a completed and easy to read copy of Form 2301B with a signature from an authorized person of the surety agency. Complete the Agency Name and Address information and enter your Bond Date, and click Next.

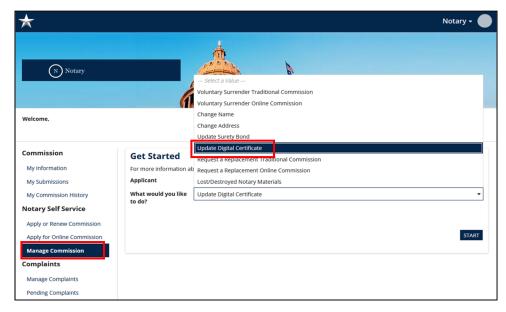


4. Carefully review your entries to assure the accuracy of the **New Bond** information, and click **Submit**.



Update Digital Certificate

If you wish to update the digital certificate for your commission, you can do so by following the steps below.

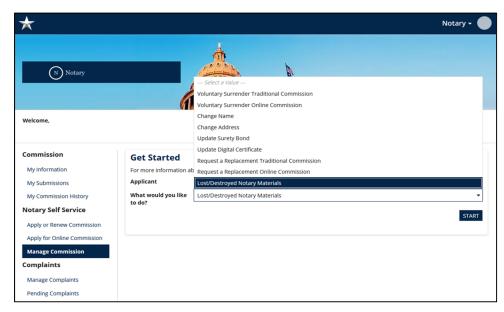


- 1. Click Manage Commission from the Notary Self Service options.
- At the prompt, What would you like to do? Select the Update Digital Certificate option and click Start.
- To update your certificate, upload your updated certificate, and click Validate. The page will
 refresh and confirm that the certificate is valid. Your information will automatically fill in if
 validation is successful.
- 4. To update your **notary seal**, you can either upload a new .jpg image of your notary seal or, if the seal remains unchanged, add your initials to choose the option of using your previously submitted seal. If no changes are needed, the field for uploading will be disabled.
- 5. **Sign** the form by typing your name, then submit it for approval. No payment is required for this update. Once approved, return to your Notary dashboard, where you'll see the updated certificate on your profile.

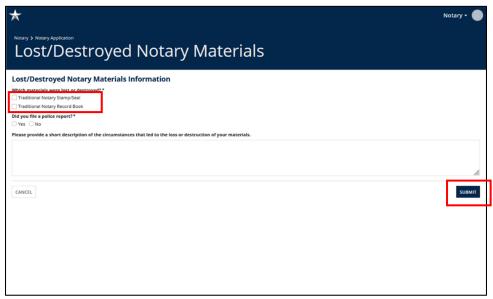


Lost/Destroyed Notary Materials

If you wish to report your Notary materials as lost or destroyed, you can do so by following the steps below.

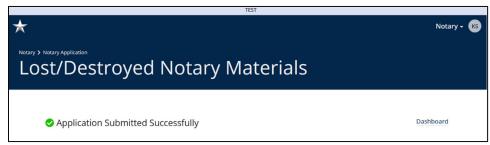


- 1. Click My Submissions from the Notary homepage.
- 2. At the prompt, **What would you like to do?** Select the **Lost/Destroyed Notary Materials** option, and click **Start**.



3. Select the options that apply on which items were lost or destroyed. Indicate if you have filed a police report and include a brief description of what happened in the open text field, add any police report details if available, and click **Submit**.





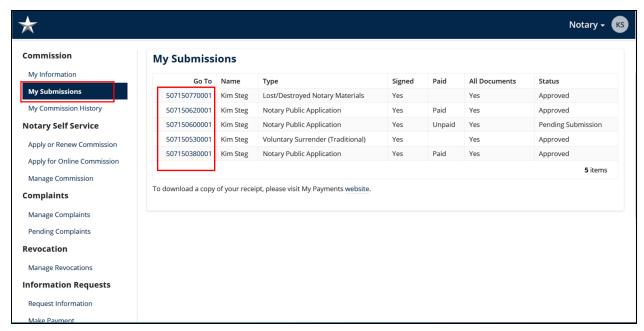
Your report will be submitted to our office.

View My Submissions History

You must have an SOS Notary Portal account to view your submissions for managing your Texas notary commission. See <u>Create an SOS Portal Account Guide</u> to learn more about creating or logging into your account. To perform any of the functions described in this guide, you must first login to your SOS Portal account, and select the Notary tile on the dashboard.

My Submissions

If you wish to view your submissions to manage your Texas notary commission, you can do so by following the steps below.



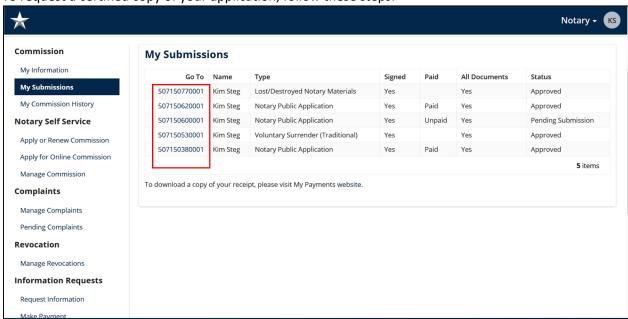
- 1. Select **My Submissions** from the Notary menu, and the list of any submissions you have made for your Notary commission will be displayed.
- 2. Click on the "Go To" link next to a submission record to view the details.



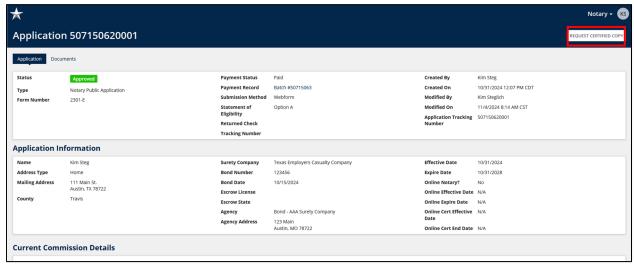
3. From the Application screen you can view the details of your submission.

Request a Certified Copy of Your Application

To request a certified copy of your application, follow these steps.

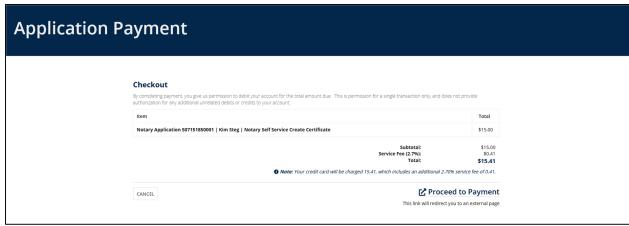


1. Click on the My Submissions self service option, and find your application submission record in the displayed list.

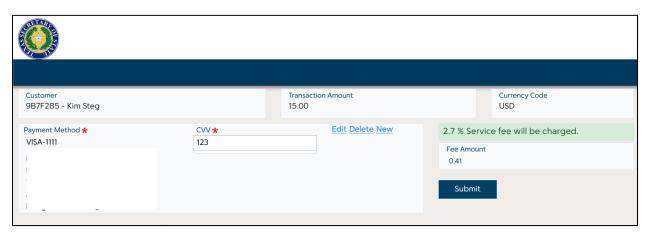


2. Click the **Request Certified Copy** button in the upper right corner of the screen. Our office will process your request and you will receive your certified copy in the mail.





3. Click the Proceed to Payment button to make your payment.



4. Enter your payment information and click Submit.

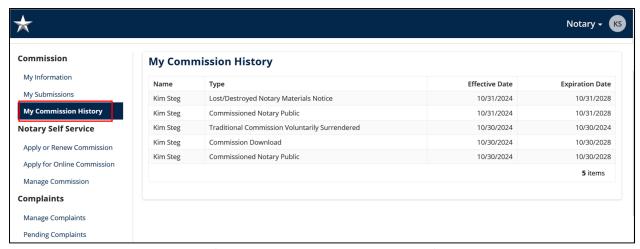


5. You will see the confirmation receipt for your payment.

My Commission History

If you wish to view your commission history records for your Texas notary commission, you can do so by following the steps below.





1. Select My Commission History from the Notary menu, and the list of updates or changes to your commissions will be displayed.

