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LLC Formation Cost Prep Checklist

Action Checklist — ClearLegalTips.com (2026)

Gather these before you compare prices so your estimate is accurate.

Research

Looked up your state's Articles of Organization fee

Checked your state's annual report / franchise fee and due date

Confirmed whether your city/county requires a business license

Decisions

Decided home state vs another state

Decided self vs paid registered agent

Decided DIY filing vs formation service

Budget

Added all first-year costs in the worksheet

Set aside the annual recurring amount

Compared two services before paying

Notes

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