

Can a notary place a sticker or adhesive under their notarization that can be peeled off my document?

No, they cannot.

If a Texas notary public wrongly places any sort of sticker, label, adhesive, or laminate material over or under any part of the notary jurat or acknowledgment text area and/or notary stamp which could be easily removed or peeled off by anyone your document will be rejected by the Texas Secretary of State because of notarial error.

If this happens you will have to redo the notarization properly and pay us a second time to reattempt to apostille your new document for a second time.

See the example below of this specific Texas notary public error and the subsequent rejection letter issued by the Texas Secretary of State.

As you can see, this Texas notary public, for some idiotic reason, put a piece of clear adhesive under the entire notary jurat area and their notary stamp, which is a different border and shade of color on this document (see arrows).

So, anyone could peel off the adhesive material and the notarization, and then say the document was never notarized. The Texas Secretary of State will always reject any document that has been incorrectly notarized like this.

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby certify that this is an original diploma and that the individuals whose authentic signatures appear thereon are duly authorized to issue this diploma.

Signature

Signature

Signature

Signature

Acknowledged before me this 1 day of March, 2024

Signature

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



The State of Texas

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To Whom it may concern,

RE: Request for Authentication – Notice of Deficiency

Our office is in receipt of your Document(s). We are unable to process your document(s) and are returning same to you for the following reason:

Notarization cannot be on an adhesive sticker or anything that can be removed from the document.

After correcting the deficiencies, please return your request to the Office of the Secretary of State of Texas, Authentication Unit, P.O. Box 10000, Austin, TX 78711. For overnight services: 5009 Brazos Street, Austin, TX 78711.

Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or prepaid air bill for the return of your documents.

Thank you,
Authentication Unit

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR RESPONSE