

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION COUNTY	PETITION TO CHANGE NAME	CASE NO. and JUDGE
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Court address

Court telephone no.

Note: This petition must be accompanied by a notice of hearing prepared for publication under MCR 3.613 (see PC 50). Every person 22 years of age or older who is requesting a name change must have a criminal background check. For details, go to michiganlegalhelp.org.

In the matter of _____
 Present first, middle, and last name(s) (type or print)

Petitioner's name, address, and telephone no.

Petitioner's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.

1. An action within the jurisdiction of the family division of circuit court involving the family or family members of person(s) named above has/have been previously filed in _____ Court,

Case Number _____, was assigned to Judge _____, and remains is no longer pending.

2. The name change is for
 a. a married person who wishes to also include a name change for his/her
 spouse.
 minor child(ren), of whom the petitioner has legal custody. (For a minor 14 years or older, written consent is required. See form PC 51b.)
 b. an adult.
 c. a minor, whose natural or adopted parents are _____ Parent Deceased

and _____ Parent Deceased

Both parents are deceased. The guardian is _____ Name
 (Attach letters of guardianship.)

3. The name change is for the following reason: _____

4. The name change is not sought for any fraudulent intent.

5. The following person(s) seeking a name change has/have a criminal record: _____

6. Each person for whom a name change is sought has been a resident of the county for at least one year.

Note: Skip item 7 if the noncustodial parent consents to the name change or if there is not a noncustodial parent.

7. I have legal custody of the minor.

- a. The noncustodial parent has had the ability to visit, contact, or communicate with the child and has regularly and substantially failed or neglected to do so for a period of two years or more before the filing of this petition and either:
- a support order has been entered, and the noncustodial parent has failed to substantially comply with the order for a period of two years or more before the filing of this petition; or
- a support order has not been entered and the noncustodial parent, having the ability to support or assist in supporting the child, has failed or neglected to provide regular and substantial support for two years or more before the filing of this petition.
- b. The noncustodial parent has been convicted of child abuse (MCL 750.136b), criminal sexual conduct (MCL 750.520b, 750.520c, 750.520d, or 750.520e), or assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct (MCL 750.520g) and the child or a sibling of the child was the victim. (Attach judgment of sentence.)
- c. The noncustodial parent has been convicted of first degree murder (MCL 750.316) or second degree murder (MCL 750.317). (Attach judgment of sentence.)
- d. The last known address of the noncustodial parent is: _____

The noncustodial parent is not living at the above address, and I have taken the following steps to locate him/her:

8. I request the following name change(s): (Type or print first name, middle name, and last name.)

FROM	TO	DATE OF BIRTH
Petitioner		Put DOB in Ref. No. row 10 on MC 97a.
Spouse		Put DOB in Ref. No. row 11 on MC 97a.
Minor child		Put DOB in Ref. No. row 12 on MC 97a.
Minor child		Put DOB in Ref. No. row 13 on MC 97a.
Minor child		Put DOB in Ref. No. row 14 on MC 97a.
Minor child		Put DOB in Ref. No. row 15 on MC 97a.
Minor child		Put DOB in Ref. No. row 16 on MC 97a.

If you want a new live birth certificate, check item 9. A special order is not needed if you only want to add the changed name(s) to the original certificate(s).

9. I request the court to order the State Registrar to create a new live birth certificate that does not disclose the name of

Name _____ at birth and to seal the original certificate.

I declare under the penalties of perjury that this petition has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Date _____

Petitioner signature _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN FOR MINOR

Date _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Signature _____

Name (type or print) _____

Name (type or print) _____

Address _____

Address _____

City, state, zip _____

Telephone no. _____

City, state, zip _____

Telephone no. _____

CONSENT BY SPOUSE OF PETITIONER

If the petition is filed for a spouse, this consent must be signed by the spouse of the petitioner.

I am the spouse of the petitioner and consent to the granting of this petition to change my name.

Date _____

Address _____

Signature _____

City, state, zip _____

Telephone no. _____

Name (type or print) _____

Address _____

Attorney signature _____

City, state, zip _____

Attorney name (type or print) _____

Bar no. _____

Address _____

City, state, zip _____

Telephone no. _____