

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION COUNTY	PETITION TO CHANGE NAME	FILE NO.
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In the matter of the name change of _____
Present first name(s), middle name(s), and last name(s) (type or print)

to _____
Requested new first name(s), middle name(s), and last name(s) (type or print)

1. An action within the jurisdiction of the family division of circuit court involving the family or family members of the above named person(s) has 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. his/her minor child(ren), of whom the petitioner has legal custody.

b. an adult.

c. a minor, whose natural or adopted parents are: _____ and

Mother

Father

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

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 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.

[Complete item 7. only if the name change is for a minor. Please see other side for remainder of petition.]

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, MCL 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 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:

(PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE)

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

FROM	TO	DATE OF BIRTH
Petitioner		month, day, year
Spouse		month, day, year
Minor child		
Minor child		
Minor child		
Minor child		

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 _____ at birth and to seal the original certificate.

Name

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

_____ Date

_____ Date

_____ Petitioner signature

_____ Petitioner signature

_____ Name (type or print)

_____ Name (type or print)

_____ Address

_____ Address

_____ City, state, zip Telephone no.

_____ City, state, zip Telephone no.

10. I am the spouse of the petitioner or the non-custodial parent of the minor and consent to the granting of this petition to change name.

_____ Date

_____ Signature

11. I am a minor 14 years of age or older, and I consent to the granting of this petition to change my name.

_____ Date

_____ Minor's signature

_____ Date

_____ Minor's signature

12. I am a minor under 14 years of age, and I state my preference to the name change above.

_____ Date

_____ Minor's signature

_____ Date

_____ Minor's signature

_____ Attorney signature

_____ Address

_____ Attorney name (type or print) Bar no.

_____ City, state, zip Telephone no.