

STATE OF WYOMING) IN THE DISTRICT COURT
) ss
COUNTY OF _____) _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER of the) Case Number _____
CHANGE OF NAME OF)
_____))
Petitioner)
(current full name of adult asking for change)

PETITION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF AN ADULT

Information About Me and My Name

1. I am the Petitioner in this case. I am an adult (18 years old or older).
2. I was born in
City: _____
County: _____
State: _____
Country: _____
3. My full legal name now is _____.
4. I want to legally change my name.
I want my full name to be _____.
5. I want to change my name because _____

6. Under oath, I tell the Court that this name change is proper and would not be detrimental (harmful) to anyone.

Information About My Birth Certificate

7. ☐ The name listed in Section 3 is also the name on my birth certificate.
- ☐ The name on my birth certificate is different. The name on my birth certificate is _____.
- ☐ I don't know what name is listed on my birth certificate.
8. ☐ I was born in Wyoming. I will answer Section 9 and skip Section 10.
- ☐ I was not born in Wyoming. I will skip Section 9 and mark Section 10.

If you have your name legally changed, you are **not** required to get your birth certificate changed. Some people do not want their birth certificate to change, and other people do.

Changing your name at the Court does not automatically change your name on your birth certificate. If you decide, now or in the future, that you want a birth certificate with your new name, you will need to contact Vital Statistics Services and complete their process for making the request. As part of the process, you will need to give Vital Statistics Services a certified copy of the Court Order that legally changes your name.

Vital Statistics Services can change a birth certificate in two different ways. If you were born in Wyoming, please read the options in Section 9 and choose the option that is correct for you.

9. ☐ If this name change is granted, my new name will match what is currently on my Wyoming birth certificate.

OR

- ☐ I understand that I'm not required to change my birth certificate. But, if I choose to change it, I want my Wyoming birth certificate to be amended. I understand that both my old name and my new name will be listed on the amended birth certificate.

OR

- ☐ I understand that I'm not required to change my birth certificate. But, if I choose to change it, I want my Wyoming birth certificate to be reissued so that my old name will not be on my birth certificate. This is important to me because _____

10. ☐ I understand that a Wyoming Judge cannot order changes to my birth certificate because I was born outside of Wyoming. I will need to contact the state or country where I was born if I want to learn about changing my birth certificate.

Information About Residence

11. ☐ I am a victim of domestic abuse, and I will file a Motion for Grant of Confidentiality. I understand that I should not write my address on this form. Instead, I will write my address on a separate paper and give it to the Clerk of Court in an envelope marked "Confidential."

OR

- ☐ My home address is _____, _____, Wyoming.

12. I live in _____ County, Wyoming. I have lived in this county for _____ years and _____ months.

13. I have lived in Wyoming for _____ years and _____ months.

I understand that if I have not lived in Wyoming for the past six months or more, I am not allowed to legally change my name in Wyoming.

Information About Notice by Publication

The process for legally changing a name includes giving information about the case to the public. It's done by printing the required information in a newspaper. This is called Notice by Publication. There are special rules that must be followed in order to do Notice by Publication correctly. You can learn about those rules by reading the Instructions for Notice to the Public.

Here are a few important things to know:

- Notice by Publication takes at least four weeks to complete.
- You have to pay the newspaper to print your information.
- The published information will include your current name and the new name you want.
- After the four weeks of publication are over, you will need to file proof of the publication.

In Wyoming, the name change process generally requires Notice by Publication. However, the Court can waive (skip) this requirement in certain cases.

Domestic Violence and an Order of Protection: If you are a victim of domestic violence and you have an Order of Protection, you can share this information with the Court and get confidentiality for the name change case. When confidentiality is granted, information about where you live will be kept private and won't be shared, and Notice by Publication will not be required. To learn more about this, read the Instructions for Confidentiality Forms.

Domestic Violence but no Order of Protection: If you are a victim of domestic violence and you believe more domestic violence may happen, but you don't have an Order of Protection, you can ask the Court to grant confidentiality for the name change case. If confidentiality is granted, information about where you live will be kept private and won't be shared, and Notice by Publication will not be required. To learn more about this, read the Instructions for Confidentiality Forms.

14. ☐ I understand that Notice by Publication is required in name change cases, and I plan to complete the publication process.

OR

☐ I understand that Notice by Publication is required in name change cases, but I plan to ask the Court to grant me confidentiality in this case.

Dated: _____, 20__

Signature: _____

Printed Current Name: _____

Email Address: _____

If you asked or will ask the Court to keep your contact information Confidential in this case, do not write your phone number or mailing address on this form. You must give your address and phone number to the Clerk in an envelope marked "Confidential."

Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

STATE OF WYOMING)
) ss
COUNTY OF _____)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this _____ day of _____, 20__.
Witness my hand and official seal.

CLERK OF COURT/NOTARIAL OFFICER

My commission expires: _____