

STATE OF WYOMING)
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COUNTY OF _____)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER of the)
CHANGE OF NAME OF)

Case Number _____

A Minor Child)
(current full name of child))

By Next Friend)

(full name of adult asking for change))

PETITION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF A MINOR

Information About Me and the Minor Child

1. I am the Next Friend in this case. I am an adult (18 years old or older).
2. This is the nature of my relationship with the Minor Child named above:
 - ☐ I am the Minor's natural parent.
 - ☐ I am the Minor's adoptive parent.
 - ☐ I am the Minor's legal guardian.
 - ☐ I am the Minor's _____

Information About the Minor and The Name

3. The Minor was born in
City: _____

County: _____

State: _____

Country: _____

4. The Minor's full legal name now is _____
5. I want to legally change the Minor's name.
6. I want the Minor's name to be _____
7. I want to change the Minor's name because _____

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

Information About the Minor's Birth Certificate

9. ☐ The name listed in Section 4 is also the name on the Minor's birth certificate.
☐ The name on the Minor's birth certificate is different. The name on the Minor's birth certificate is _____
☐ I don't know what name is listed on the Minor's birth certificate.
10. ☐ The Minor was born in Wyoming. I will answer Section 11 and skip Section 12.

OR

- ☐ The Minor was **not** born in Wyoming. I will skip Section 11 and mark Section 12.

If you have the Minor's name legally changed, you are **not** required to get the Minor's birth certificate changed. Some people do not want the birth certificate to change, and other people do.

Changing the Minor's name at the Court does not automatically change their name on their birth certificate. If you decide, now or in the future, that you want a birth certificate with the Minor's new name, you will need to contact Vital Statistics Services and complete the 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 the Minor's name.

Vital Statistics Services can change a birth certificate in two different ways. If the Minor was born in Wyoming, please read the options in Section 11 and choose the option that is right for you and the Minor.

11. ☐ If this name change is granted, the Minor's new name will match what is currently on the Minor's Wyoming birth certificate.

OR

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

OR

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

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

Information About Residence

13. ☐ The Minor is a victim of domestic abuse, and I will file a Motion for Grant of Confidentiality. I understand that I should not write the Minor's address on this form. Instead, I will write the Minor's address on a separate paper and give it to the Clerk in an envelope marked "Confidential."

OR

- ☐ The Minor's home address is _____, _____, Wyoming.
14. The Minor lives in _____ County, Wyoming. The Minor has lived in this county for _____ years and _____ months.
15. The Minor has lived in Wyoming for _____ years and _____ months.
16. I understand that if the Minor has not lived in Wyoming for the past six months or more, the Minor's name cannot be legally changed 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 the Minor's current name and the new name you're asking for.
- 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 the Minor is a victim of domestic violence and has 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 the Minor lives 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 the Minor is a victim of domestic violence and you believe more domestic violence may happen, but the Minor doesn'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 the Minor lives 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.

Important reason: If you believe there's an important reason (this is called "good cause") to not do Notice by Publication, you can ask the Court for permission to skip those steps. To learn more about this, read the Instructions for Notice to the Public.

All the necessary adults sign: If you (the "Next Friend" listed above) are the Minor's natural parent or adoptive parent or legal guardian **AND all** of the Minor's natural parents, adoptive parents, and legal guardians sign this Petition, Notice by Publication will not be required.

17. ☐ 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 the Minor confidentiality in this case.

OR

☐ I understand that Notice by Publication is required in name change cases, but I plan to ask the Court for permission to skip the requirement because I think, in this case, there's an important reason to not publish a notice.

OR

☐ I understand that Notice by Publication is required in name change cases, but this case qualifies for an exemption under Wyoming Statute 1-25-103 because

☐ I have the necessary relationship with the Minor,

AND

☐ all of the required people (natural parents, adoptive parents, legal guardians) will sign this Petition below.

Dated: _____, 20____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Email Address: _____

If you asked or will ask the Court to keep the Minor's contact information Confidential in this case, do not write the Minor's phone number or mailing address on this form.

If you and the Minor have the same contact information, you must give your address and phone number to the Clerk in an envelope marked "Confidential."

Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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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: _____

Signatures of Other Parents or Guardians

Dated: _____, 20__

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Relationship to Minor: _____

Email Address: _____

STATE OF WYOMING)
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COUNTY OF _____)

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Witness my hand and official seal.

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My commission expires: _____

Dated: _____, 20__

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Printed Name: _____

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