

STATE OF WYOMING)
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COUNTY OF)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER of the) Case Number _____
CHANGE OF NAME OF)

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

By Next Friend)

(full name of adult asking for change))

**MOTION AND AFFIDAVIT
FOR WAIVER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

Under penalty of perjury, I state the following:

1. I am the Next Friend in this case. I am an adult (18 years old or older).
2. I have brought this Name Change action and this Motion on behalf of the Minor Child named above.

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 by 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 secret, and Notice by Publication will not be required. To learn more about this, read the Instructions for a Motion for Grant of Confidentiality.

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 secret, and Notice by Publication will not be required. To learn more about this, read the Instructions for a Motion for Grant of Confidentiality.

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 Motion and Affidavit for Waiver of Notice by Publication. (This form is the Motion and Affidavit.)

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 signed the Petition, Notice by Publication will not be required. (If you already met this requirement on the Petition, you do not need this form.)

This form can be used if you believe you have
an important reason to not publish a notice in the newspaper.

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

In the next sections, I will check the boxes and fill in the blank lines for every reason that applies to this case.

4. Giving public notice of the name change might put me, the Minor, or someone in my

household in danger because _____

5. All of the Minor's natural parents, adoptive parents, and legal guardians have given their consent for the name change, and the signed consent forms have been filed with the Court.

6. Other important reason: _____

Dated: _____, 20____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Email Address: _____

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

CLERK OF COURT/NOTARIAL OFFICER

My commission expires: _____