

Please answer the questions below.

When you answer the questions, they will automatically fill in that information where it belongs on the following forms that you will be filing with the court. Do not leave any questions blank. Any changes you make must be made to these questions; you will not be able to modify your answers in the forms themselves.

1. What is the name of the County where you will be filing these forms?

2. What is your current full name?

3. What is the full name you would like to change your name to?

4. What is your mailing address?

5. What is the town, state, and ZIP Code for your mailing address?

6. If your street address where you live is a different address from your mailing address, what is your street address?

7. What is the town, state, and ZIP Code for your street address?

8. What is your telephone number, with area code? _____
9. If you have a fax machine number and want to receive service by fax machine, what is your fax machine number, with area code? _____
10. What is your date of birth? _____
11. What is your Indiana driver's license number or Indiana identification number? _____
12. Please list all of your previous names.

13. If you have a valid passport, select “do”; if you do not have a valid passport, select “do not”. _____

14. If you have a valid passport, type “passport”; if you do not have a valid passport, what document do you have as proof that you are a U. S. citizen? (Certified birth certificate, Consular report of birth abroad or certification of birth, naturalization certificate, certificate of citizenship, or secondary documents. For a list of secondary documents, please visit

<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports/information/citizenship-evidence.html>

15. List the judgments of felony convictions under the laws of any state or the United States that have been entered against you. **If you have had a felony conviction within ten (10) years, you must provide notice of the filing of this Petition for Name Change to: (1) the sheriff of the county in which you reside; (2) the prosecuting attorney of the county in which you reside; and (3) the Indiana central repository for criminal history information. The notice given to the Indiana central repository for criminal history information must include your full current name, requested name change, date of birth, address, physical description, and a full set of classifiable fingerprints. Failure to provide notice at least 30 days prior to the hearing on this Petition is a Class A Misdemeanor.**

16. Why do you want to change your name?

You have finished answering the questions. The following pages are the forms that you will be printing and then filing with the court. Please look over them to make sure the information is correct before you print them out. If you have changes, you must make them to the questions above. You may also save a copy of this packet if you need to obtain more information before answering the questions.

PLEASE NOTE: The court will set a hearing date when you file your Petition. Make sure this date is filled in on the Notice of Petition for Change of Name. You will need to take this Notice to the person who handles legal notices in your local newspaper. This Notice must appear once a week for three weeks. The last publication must be at least 30 days before the hearing. The newspaper will then send a proof of publication notice to you, which you will attach to the Notice of Filing Proof of Publication and then file these forms with the court.

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
) SS:
COUNTY OF) CASE NO.

IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
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 Petitioner.)

APPEARANCE BY SELF-REPRESENTED PERSON IN CIVIL CASE

This Appearance Form must be filed on behalf of every party in a civil case.

1. My Name is: _____ and I am

Initiating (filing) ;
Responding (answering or defending) _____; or
Intervening _____;

in this case and am representing myself.

2. Contact information for receiving legal service of documents and case information is required by Court Rules: *(NOTE: If you are the Initiating party and this case, or a related case, involves a protection from abuse order, a workplace violence restraining order, or a no-contact order, you must provide an address for the purpose of legal service of documents but that address should not be one that exposes the whereabouts of a petitioner)*

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

FAX: _____

OR, if in the related case, you have used the Attorney General Confidential address, you may check the box below:

____ Attorney General confidential address (contact the Attorney General at 1-800-321-1907 or e-mail address is **confidential@atg.state.in.us**).

3. This is a _____ case type as defined in administrative Rule 8(B)(3).
(Clerk will supply this information.)

4. I will accept service by FAX at the following number _____

5. This case is a domestic relations matter, involves reciprocal enforcement of child support, paternity, delinquency, Child in Need of Services (CHINS), guardianship, or any other proceedings in which support may be an issue, and social security numbers of all family members are supplied on a separately attached document (Form TCM-TR3.1-4) filed as confidential information on light green paper.

_____ Yes X No

6. There are related cases: Yes _____ No X (If yes, please indicate below.)

Caption and case number of related cases:

Caption: _____ Case Number: _____

Caption: _____ Case Number: _____

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7. Additional information required by local rule:

Self-Represented Party

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE) CIRCUIT COURT
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 Petitioner.)

VERIFIED PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Petitioner, _____, pro se, respectfully petitions this court to change his/her name. In support of this Petition, Petitioner states as follows:

1. That my current name is: _____.
2. That my date of birth is: _____.
3. That my Indiana driver’s license number/Indiana identification card number is _____; and I will bring my Indiana driver’s license or identification card to my Change of Name Hearing for verification.
4. That my mailing address is: _____

And, if different, my residence address is: _____

5. The following is a list of all of my previous names:
 _____.

6. That I _____ hold a valid United States passport. My proof that I am a United States citizen is _____. I will bring this document to my Change of Name Hearing for verification.

7. That the following judgments of criminal conviction of a felony under the laws of any state or the United States have been entered against me, or I have stated immediately below that I have no felony convictions:
 _____.

8. That I am not seeking to defraud creditors by changing my name.
9. That I have published notice of my request for name change in a local publication as required by law, and will bring proof of publication to the hearing.
10. That I am not a sex or violent offender who is required to register under I.C. 11-8-8.

11. That pursuant to Indiana Code 34-28-2-1, I wish to change my name. The reason I want to change my name is:

_____.

12. That I wish to change my name to_____.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that this Court grant my Petition for Name Change, and for all other just and proper relief. I affirm under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing representations are true.

Signature

Print your name

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
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Petitioner.)

NOTICE OF FILING PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Petitioner, _____, pro se, states as follows:

- 1. I have given notice of my Petition for Change of Name, pursuant to Indiana Code 34-28-2-3(a).
- 2. I have attached a copy of the published notice herein as Exhibit A.
- 3. The attached notice has been verified by the affidavit of a disinterested person.
- 4. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the last required publication of notice.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that this Court consider my Petition for Name Change, and for all other just and proper relief. I affirm under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
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 Petitioner.)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

_____, whose mailing address is:

And, if different, my residence address is:

_____ County, Indiana hereby gives notice that she/he has filed a petition in the
 _____ Circuit Court requesting that his/her name be changed to
 _____.

Notice is further given that hearing will be held on said Petition on the _____ day of
 _____, 20____ at _____ o'clock ____m.

 Petitioner

Date _____

 CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
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COUNTY OF) CASE NO.

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Petitioner.)

ORDER ON VERIFIED PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

On _____, Petitioner, _____, appeared for Change of Name Hearing. Witnesses sworn and evidence presented. Comes now the Court, having reviewed the Verified Petition for Change of Name, Notice of Proof of Publication, and the evidence presented at the hearing, and now finds as follows:

1. That Petitioner's current name is: _____.
2. That Petitioner's date of birth is: _____.
3. That Petitioner's Indiana driver's license number/ Indiana identification card number was filed with the Court and is preserved in the Court's records.
4. That Petitioner's mailing address is:

And, if different, Petitioner's residence address is:

_____.

5. That Petitioner's has no other previous names or Petitioner's previous names are as follows _____.
6. That Petitioner does/does not hold a valid United States passport.
7. The Petitioner has presented proof of United States citizenship.
8. That the Petitioner has no felony convictions, or, the following judgments of criminal conviction of a felony under the laws of any state or the United States have been entered against the Petitioner: _____.
9. That Petitioner is not a sex or violent offender who is required to register under I.C. 11-8-8.
10. That Petitioner has presented proof of publication of notice to the Court.

11. That pursuant to Indiana Code 34-28-2-1, Petitioner wishes to change his/her name.

12. That Petitioner wishes to change his/her name to be
_____.

13. That Petitioner is not seeking to defraud creditors by changing his/her name.

WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that Petitioner's Petition for Change of Name is GRANTED, and Petitioner's name is hereby legally changed to _____.

SO ORDERED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

JUDGE

Distribution: