

## **NAME CHANGE OF MINOR**

**(\$100.00 Deposit)**

- Application to Change Name (must include phone number)
- Best Interest Form (all statements must be addressed)
- Certified copy of birth record
- Consent from both parents (or notice must be sent to un-consenting parent by certified mail)
- Notice
- Journal Entry

Notice must be published in newspaper once at least 30 days prior to the hearing. The cost of the publication is paid for by the applicant. The newspaper is to send verification of the publication to the Court.

The child must have been a resident of Auglaize County for at least one year.

**ROBATE COURT OF AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO  
MARK E. SPEES, JUDGE**

**IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Present Name)

**TO** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name Requested)

**CASE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR  
[R.C. 2717.01]**

The applicant states that the applicant is the  parent  legal guardian  guardian ad litem of the minor and that the minor has been a bona fide resident of Auglaize County, Ohio, for at least one year immediately prior to the filing of this application.

A certified copy of the minor's birth certificate is attached.

The applicant states that the name and address of Parent 1 of the minor is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Zip

and the name and address of  Parent 2 or  alleged father of the minor is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Zip

Applicant states that the address of  Parent 1  Parent 2  or alleged father is unknown and cannot with reasonable diligence be ascertained.

There is no person alleged to be the father of the minor.

The applicant states that the person for whom a change of name is being requested

1) \_\_\_\_\_  has  has not been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been adjudicated a  
Initials delinquent child for identity fraud.

2) \_\_\_\_\_  has a  has no duty to comply with R.C. 2950.04 or R.C. 2950.041 because the  
Initials applicant was convicted of, pled guilty to, or was adjudicated a delinquent child f  
or having committed a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense.

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

The applicant requests a change of name of the minor from \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_

for the following reason: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

The applicant states that the applicant will cause notice of the application to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in this county at least thirty (30) days before the hearing on this application. In addition, notice will be given by the applicant to any non-consenting parent or alleged parent, whose addresses are known, by certified mail, return receipt requested.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney for Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Typed or Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Typed or Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number (include area code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number (include area code)

Attorney Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_

**JOURNAL ENTRY SETTING HEARING AND ORDERING NOTICE**

The Court orders this application set for hearing on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_m. The applicant is ordered to cause notice of the application to be given by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in this county at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date, as well as certified mail service, return receipt requested, if necessary, as required by law.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Probate Judge

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Clerk

**PROBATE COURT OF AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO**

**IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Present Name)

**TO** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name Requested)

**CASE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSENT TO CHANGE OF NAME**

The undersigned \_\_\_\_\_

**[check one of the following 2 capacities by which your consent is given]**

- Parent
- Alleged Father

hereby waives notice of the hearing on the Application for Change of Name and consents to the change of name of \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_

as proposed in the Application.

\_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Clerk/Notary Public

**PROBATE COURT OF AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO**

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(Present Name)

**TO** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name Requested)

**CASE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

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Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Clerk/Notary Public

## **MINOR NAME CHANGE BEST INTERESTS OF CHILD**

In order to change the name of a minor child, the Court must find that there exists “reasonable and proper cause”. This means that the Court must determine that the name change is in the child’s best interest. To make this determination, the Court must consider the following factors:

1. The effect of the change on the preservation and development of the child’s relationship with each parent;
  
2. The identification of the child as part of a family unit;
  
3. The length of time the child has used its last name;
  
4. The preference of the child if the child is of sufficient maturity to express a meaningful preference;
  
5. Whether the child’s last name is different than the last name of the child’s residential parent;
  
6. The embarrassment, discomfort, or inconvenience that may result when a child has a last name different than the residential parent;
  
7. Parental failure to maintain contact with and support the child; and
  
8. Any other factor relevant to the best interests of the child.

**In filing a petition to change a child’s name, you must address as many of these factors as apply to you. Failure to do so may result in your petition being denied.**

**PROBATE COURT OF AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO  
MARK E. SPEES, JUDGE**

**IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Present Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name Requested)

**Case No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF NAME**

[R.C. 2717.01]

Applicant hereby gives notice to all interested persons and to \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Necessary person whose address is unknown)

whose last known address is \_\_\_\_\_,

that the applicant has filed an Application for Change of Name in the Probate Court of Auglaize County,  
Ohio, requesting the change of name of \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_.

The hearing on the application will be held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_ M. in the Probate Court of Auglaize County, located at 201 Willipie Street, Suite  
119, Wapakoneta, Ohio.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Typed or Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Note to Publisher: The above legal notice including the caption is to be published once in its entirety.  
Costs are to be paid by applicant and an Affidavit of Publication is to be furnished to the Court.

**PROBATE COURT OF AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO  
MARK E. SPEES, JUDGE**

**IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Present Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name Requested)

**Case No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**JUDGMENT ENTRY - CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR**

On \_\_\_\_\_ an application for change of name was heard by this Court. The Court finds that proper notice of the application and hearing date was given by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in this county at least thirty days prior to the hearing on the application and proper notice was given to the legal parents, known father, or alleged father, as required by law. The Court further finds that reasonable and proper cause exists for changing the name and the name change is in the best interest of the minor.

The Court finds the minor's complete name at birth was \_\_\_\_\_, the minor's date of birth was \_\_\_\_\_,

and the place of birth was \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State

Therefore, it is **ORDERED** the name of \_\_\_\_\_

be changed to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Probate Judge

**CERTIFICATION OF JUDGMENT ENTRY**

The above Judgment Entry - Change of Name of Minor is a true copy of the original kept by me as custodian of the records of this Court.

Probate Judge/Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date