

NAME CHANGE

Self Help-Northampton County Court of Common Pleas

FORMS PACKET

Name change in Pennsylvania is a judicial procedure which allows an individual to assume a name other than the name given at birth or adoption. If granted, the court will issue an order so the individual may prove the adoption of the new name in order to change other documents such as driver's licenses, bank accounts, and identification cards.

This instructional section is for reference and research purposes. This section explains the basic forms and steps needed to legally change your name and/or the name(s) of your minor child(ren). A person must petition the court for a name change, and the court can then decide whether or not to grant it.

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF NORTHAMPTON
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
CIVIL DIVISION**

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME

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DOCKET NO.

PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

The petitioner(s), _____, requests that this Court order a change of name for _____ and in support thereof represents as follows:

1. Petitioner(s) is an adult individual, whose date of birth is _____ and who currently resides at _____, in the County of Northampton.

2. Petitioner(s), also requests the court to change the names of _____, minor child, children whose date(s) of is/are _____, and who is/are residing with the Petitioner at the above address.

3. Petitioner(s) desires this change of name for the following reason(s):

4. Petitioner is a citizen of the United States of America.

5. There are no judgments or decrees pending against the Petitioner.

6. **WHEREFORE**, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court enter an order changing the name of Petitioner from _____ to _____.

7. **WHEREFORE**, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court enter an Order changing the name of minor child/children from _____ to _____.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

Petitioner(s)

(Telephone Number)

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CONSENT FOR CHANGE OF NAME (MINOR CHILD(REN))

I, (full legal name)_____being

sworn, Certify that the following information is true:

I am the birth or legal _____Father _____Mother of the minor
child(ren) in this case, and I give consent for the following name changes:

Minor Child(ren)'s complete present name(s): **Minor Child(ren)'s name's to be changed to**

I verify that the statements made in this Consent for name change of minor child(ren) are true and correct. I understand that false statements are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

(Date)

(Signature of Consenting Parent)

(Address)

(Telephone)

Sample Notice for Publication-Adult Name Change

NOTICE

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Sample Notice for Publication-Minor Child(ren) Name Change

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