

Cause Number: _____

In the Matter of the Name Change of:

In the _____

District Court County Court at Law

(Print the child's current name - first, middle, last.)

_____ County, Texas

A Child

Petition to Change the Name of a Child

1. Discovery Level

The discovery level in this case, if needed, is Level 2.

2. Petitioner

My name is: _____
First Middle Last

I am the **Petitioner**, the person asking the Court to change the name of a child.

The last three numbers of Petitioner's driver's license number are: _____.

Petitioner's driver's license was issued in (state) _____.

Or I do not have a driver's license.

The last three numbers of my social security number are: _____.

Or I do not have a social security number.

I am the child's parent.

3. Respondent A – Other Parent *(Check a or b.)*

a. Respondent A is the child's other parent. The other parent's name is:

Print full name of the child's other parent.

(Check one.)

I think Respondent A will sign a Waiver of Service (or Answer).

I will have a sheriff, constable, process server, or clerk serve Respondent A with this Petition to Change the Name of a Child at this address:

Street Address City State Zip

If this is a work address, name of business: _____

I ask the clerk to issue Citation of Service (the form necessary to provide legal notice to Respondent by "Official Service of Process). I understand that I will need to pay the fee (or file a Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs form to show the Court that I am unable to pay the fee) and arrange for service.

I cannot find Respondent A. I ask that Respondent A be served by publication. I understand I must file an Affidavit for Citation by Publication and hire a lawyer to serve as attorney ad litem for Respondent A.

b. There is no Respondent A because: *(Check one.)*

the child's other parent is dead. A copy of the other parent's death certificate is

attached to this Petition as Exhibit A.

the child's other parent's parental rights have been terminated by court order. A copy of the court order of termination is attached to this Petition as Exhibit A.

4. Respondent B – Other Person with Legal Relationship with Child (Check a or b.)

a. Respondent B's name is: _____

Respondent B is the child's: (Check one.)

Nonparent Managing Conservator

Legal Guardian

(Check one.)

I think Respondent B will sign a Waiver of Service (or Answer).

I will have a sheriff, constable, process server, or clerk serve Respondent B with this Petition to Change the Name of a Child at this address:

Street Address	City	State	Zip
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If this is a work address, name of business: _____

I ask the clerk to issue Citation of Service (the form necessary to provide legal notice to Respondent by "Official Service of Process). I understand that I will need to pay the fee (or file a Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs form to show the Court that I am unable to pay the fee) and arrange for service.

I cannot find Respondent B. I ask that Respondent B be served by publication. I understand I must file an Affidavit for Citation by Publication and hire a lawyer to serve as attorney ad litem for Respondent B.

b. There is no Respondent B. No other person has a legal relationship with the child.

No other person has a legal relationship with the Child.

5. Respondent C – Other Person with Legal Relationship with Child (Check a or b.)

a. Respondent C's name is: _____

Respondent C is the child's: (Check one.)

Nonparent Managing Conservator

Legal Guardian

(Check one.)

I think Respondent C will sign a Waiver of Service (or Answer).

I will have a sheriff, constable, process server, or clerk serve Respondent B with this Petition to Change the Name of a Child at this address:

Street Address	City	State	Zip
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If this is a work address, name of business: _____

I ask the clerk to issue Citation of Service (the form necessary to provide legal notice to Respondent by "Official Service of Process). I understand that I will need to pay the fee (or file a Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs form to show the Court that I am unable to pay the fee) and arrange for service.

I cannot find Respondent C. I ask that Respondent C be served by publication. I understand I must file an Affidavit for Citation by Publication and hire a lawyer to serve as attorney ad litem for Respondent C.

b. There is no Respondent C. No other person has a legal relationship with the child.

No other person has a legal relationship with the Child.

6. Child's Information

The child's information is as follows:

a. Child's Current name: _____
First Middle Last

b. Home Address: _____ County: _____

c. Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____ **or** The child does not have a Social Security #.

d. Birth date: _____
Month / Day / Year

e. Place of birth: _____
City State Country

f. Consent by Child (*Check one.*)

Child is younger than 10 years old. Consent is not required.

Child is 10 years old or older and has consented in writing to this name change.

g. Sex Offender Registration (*Check one.*)

The child **is not** required to register as a sex offender.

The child **is** required to register as a sex offender. Proof that the child has notified local law enforcement of the proposed name change is attached to this Petition. The requested name change is in the best interest of the public.

h. Are there any court orders about the child already in place? (*Check one.*)

There are no court orders regarding the child.

A court made orders involving the child in the following case:

Case/Cause Number _____ in _____
County State

Case type: _____
Print the case type (custody, support, divorce, paternity, etc.)

7. Name Change Request

a. I ask the Court to change the child's name to:

First Middle Last

b. I want to change the child's name because:

c. I believe the requested name change is in the child's best interest.

8. Request for Judgment

I ask the Court to order the child's name changed as requested above. I ask for general relief.

Respectfully submitted,



Your Signature

Date

Your Printed Name

Phone

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Email Address: _____

*Fax #
(if any)*

9. Petitioner's Declaration Under Penalty of Perjury

My name is: _____ . My date of birth is _____ .

My address is: _____ .

My email address is _____ . My phone number is: _____ .

I declare under penalty of perjury that all information in this Petition to Change the Name of a Child is true and correct.

Completed and formally signed on _____ in _____ County, _____ .



Your Signature