INSTRUCTIONS FOR A NAME CHANGE – MINOR CHILD

IMPORTANT! READ BEFORE USING THESE FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

ND Legal Self Help Center staff and Court employees cannot help you fill out forms.

If you are unsure how to proceed, or need legal advice or legal representation, consult a lawyer licensed to practice in North Dakota.

To protect your rights, carefully read this information and any instructions to which you are referred.

When you represent yourself, you must abide by the following:

- State or federal laws that apply to your case;
- Case law, also called court opinions, that applies to your case; and
- Court rules that apply to your case, which may include:
 - North Dakota Rules of Civil Procedure;
 - North Dakota Rules of Court;
 - North Dakota Rules of Evidence;
 - o North Dakota Administrative Rules and Orders; and
 - Any local court rules.

Links to the state laws, case law, and court rules can be found at www.ndcourts.gov.

When you represent yourself, you are held to the same requirements and responsibilities as a lawyer, even if you don't understand the rules or procedures. If you are unsure if these forms and instructions suit your circumstances, consult a lawyer.

A glossary with definitions of legal terms is available at www.ndcourts.gov/ndlshc.

These instructions and forms <u>are not</u> a complete statement of the law. They cover the basic procedure for petitioning a North Dakota District Court for the name change of a minor child. If the forms do not fit your circumstances, consult a lawyer. There is no guarantee that all judges and courts will accept forms available through the ND Legal Self Help Center. The Center is not responsible for any consequences that may result from the forms or information provided. <u>Use at your own risk</u>.

Requirements for name changes are found in <u>North Dakota Century Code Chapter 32-28</u>. Review the Chapter carefully.

NOTE: You (Petitioner) and the child must be residents of the county in North Dakota where the Petition will be filed for at least six months preceding the filing of the Petition.

ALSO NOTE: The child must be either a citizen or a permanent resident alien of the United States.

Laws constantly change through legislation, administrative rulings and court decisions. To determine how a law applies to your situation, review the applicable law or laws, administrative rulings and court decisions. Notes of court decisions related to North Dakota law can be found in the print editions of the North Dakota Century Code. Print editions of the North Dakota Century Code are found in many North Dakota public and academic libraries.

Only a lawyer licensed to practice in North Dakota who has agreed to represent you can give you legal advice. Legal advice includes interpreting how the laws apply to your situation.

WAIVER OF THE PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT:

North Dakota law requires that you publish notice of the minor child's name change in the newspaper <u>before</u> a court can consider granting the name change. An affidavit of publication is required, which is provided by the newspaper. (If there is a non-custodial parent who lives in a different county than the minor child, publication is required in a newspaper in the non-custodial parent's county, as well.)

<u>However</u>, before you publish notice of the minor child's name change, you may ask the court to waive the publication requirement **if**:

- 1. You are only asking for a change to the minor child's first or middle name; or
- 2. You are a victim of domestic violence as defined by North Dakota Century Code Section 14-07.1-01, which states:

"Domestic violence includes physical harm, bodily injury, sexual activity compelled by physical force, assault, or the infliction of fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury sexual activity compelled by physical force, or assault, not committed in selfdefense, on the complaining family or household members."

Please note that North Dakota law only allows a court to consider the two reasons listed above for waiving the publication requirement.

If the court <u>does not</u> grant your request to waive publication in the newspaper(s), you will need to publish notice in the newspaper(s) and file the affidavit(s) of publication with the court. The affidavit of publication is provided by the newspaper after publication of the notice is complete.

This packet of forms and instructions includes the option of asking the court to waive publication.

CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS:

The court may require a criminal history background check for the minor child for North Dakota or any other state.

After you file the completed Minor Name Change Forms, affidavit(s) of publication, and any written objections with the Clerk of Court, the court will decide if a criminal history background check for the minor child is required.

If the court requires you to complete a criminal history background check for the minor child, you may be directed to the following website to get the child's criminal history background check:

https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks.

You may wish to review the requirements before you start the name change petition process.

You are required to pay all costs associated with the criminal history record check.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROCESS FOR NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR CHILD:

- Step 1. Publish the Notice for Name Change of a Minor Child in the Newspaper(s).

 Get the Affidavit(s) of Publication from the newspaper(s).
 - OR, Skip Step 1 if Asking the Court to Waive Publication.
- Step 2. Complete the Rest of the Name Change Forms.

 Gather any written objections you receive after publication of the Notice.

 If you ask the court to waive publication, you will not gather written objections.
- Step 3. File the Original Petition, Affidavit, Confidential Information Form, Notice of Petition for Name Change of a Minor Child, Affidavit of Service by Mail, Order Granting Name Change (Proposed), Affidavit(s) of Publication, and any Written Objections with the Clerk of Court.

Pay the \$80.00 filing fee or file the completed petition to waive filing fees.

OR, if Asking the Court to Waive Publication, File the Original Petition,
Affidavit, Confidential Information Form, and Order Granting Name Change
(Proposed).

Pay the \$80.00 filing fee or file the completed petition to waive filing fees.

Step 4. Get the Minor Child's Criminal History Background Check.
Only if the court requires you to get one.

FORMS FOR NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR CHILD:

- 1. Petition For Name Change of a Minor Child
- 2. Affidavit of Petitioner
- 3. Confidential Information Form
- 4. Notice of Petition For Name Change
- 5. Affidavit of Service by Mail
- 6. Order Granting Name Change (Proposed)

STEPS FOR PETITIONING FOR NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR CHILD:

You may skip Step 1 <u>only</u> if you plan to ask the court to waive publication in the newspaper(s). If you plan to ask the court to waive publication, go directly to Step 2.

The court <u>may</u> waive publication in the newspaper(s) <u>only</u> if:

- 1. You are only asking for a change to the minor child's first or middle name; or
- 2. You are a victim of domestic violence as defined by North Dakota Century Code Section 14-07.1-01, which states:

"Domestic violence includes physical harm, bodily injury, sexual activity compelled by physical force, assault, or the infliction of fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury sexual activity compelled by physical force, or assault, not committed in selfdefense, on the complaining family or household members."

If the court does not waive publication in the newspaper, you will need to complete Step 1 and file the affidavit(s) of publication (provided by the newspaper or newspapers) and the affidavit of service by mail with the court.

Step 1 – Complete the notice form and publish the Notice of Petition For Name Change. Mail a copy of the notice to the non-custodial parent.

<u>First</u>, complete the following form:

Notice of Petition for Name Change

- o On the top of the form, fill in the current, full legal name of the minor child
- The rest of this form is self-explanatory.
- If your mailing address is different from your street address, include both addresses.
 Write or type your mailing address in the blank space to the right of the address block.

Second, have the completed Notice of Petition for Name Change published in the official county newspaper where you will file the Petition (*where you and the minor child live*). The newspaper will give you an affidavit of publication.

If the minor child has a non-custodial parent, you must also have the completed Notice of Petition for Name Change published in the official county newspaper where the non-custodial parent lives, if different from where you live. The newspaper will give you an affidavit of publication.

NOTE: A non-custodial parent is a parent with less than 50% of the residential responsibility.

<u>Third</u>, if the minor child has a non-custodial parent, you must mail a copy of the Notice of Petition for Name Change to the non-custodial parent within 10 days of publication.

The Notice of Petition for Name Change must be mailed to the last known address of the non-custodial parent, postage prepaid, from a post office in this state.

Complete the following form:

• Affidavit of Service By Mail

This document states that the Notice of Petition for Name Change was mailed to the non-custodial parent and the address where it was mailed.

- On the top of the form, fill in the current, full legal name of the minor child
- The rest of this form is self-explanatory.
- Sign this form in front of a Notary Public. You will need to show a driver's license or photo identification card so the Notary Public can verify your identity.

You file the original Notice of Petition for Name Change and the original Affidavit of Service by Mail with the Clerk of District Court in Step 3.

Fourth, you may receive written objections after Notice is published. Make copies of the written objections for your records. You file the originals with the Clerk of District Court in Step 3.

Step 2 – Complete the remaining forms.

Petition for Name Change of a Minor Child

- o Top of the form:
 - Fill in the name of the county where you will file the petition.
 - Leave the case number blank. The case number is assigned by the clerk of court when you file the petition and other documents in Step 3.

- Fill in the current, full legal name of the minor child
- First Sentence You are the Petitioner. Write your full, legal name on the first line.
 Write the current, full legal name of the minor child on the second line.
- Paragraph # 1 write your relationship to the minor child.
- Paragraph # 2 write the minor child's current legal name. Write your current address in North Dakota. If this statement is not accurate, do not use these forms.
- Paragraph # 3 write the minor child's current county in North Dakota. If this statement is not accurate, do not use these forms.
- O Paragraph # 4 Put a check mark (\checkmark) next to the option that is accurate for the minor child's situation. DO NOT put a check mark in both options.
- Paragraph # 5 fill in the minor child's birth year and city and state of birth. <u>Do not</u> fill in the minor child's month and day of birth.
- Paragraph # 6 write the minor child's current, full legal name on the first line. On the second line, write the minor child's name as you want it to be after the name change.
- Paragraph # 7 This tells the court that the reasons you are asking for a name change are in a separate affidavit that you will complete and file with the petition.
- Paragraph # 8 This tells the court that you believe court appointment of a guardian ad litem for the child is unnecessary. If this statement is not accurate, do not use these forms.
- o Paragraph #9 put a check mark (\checkmark) next the box that is accurate for your situation.
 - Fill in the corresponding notice information.
 - If you are asking the judge to waive the publication of the Notice, and the court does not waive publication in the newspaper, you will need to complete Step 1 and file the affidavit of publication (provided by the newspaper) with the court.
- Paragraph # 11 if this statement is not accurate, do not use these forms.
- Paragraph # 12 write the minor child's name as you want it to be after the name change.
- o Paragraph # 13 no additional information is required for this paragraph.
- WHEREFORE write the minor child's current, full legal name on the first line. On the second line, write the minor child's name as you want it to be after the name change.
- o Date and sign the form. Fill in the information below the signature line.

If your mailing address is different from your street address, include both addresses. Write or type your mailing address in the blank space below the address block.

Affidavit of Petitioner

- o Top of the form
 - Fill in the name of the county where you will file the petition.
 - Leave the case number blank. The case number is assigned by the clerk of court when you file the petition and other documents in Step 3.
 - Fill in the current, full legal name of the minor child.
- First Sentence write your full, legal name.
- Paragraph # 1 write your full, legal name.
- o Paragraph # 2 state your relationship to the minor child.
- Paragraph # 3 write the other parent's full, legal name and their last known post office address.
- Paragraph # 4 put a check mark (√) next to the box that is accurate for your situation. DO NOT put a check mark in both options.
- Paragraph # 6 write the minor child's current, full legal name on the first line. Fill
 in the minor child's birth year and city and state of birth. <u>Do not</u> fill in the minor
 child's month and day of birth.
- o Paragraph # 7 write your current address in North Dakota. If this statement is not accurate, do not use these forms.
- Paragraph # 8 write the name of the county where the minor child has lived for the past six months.
- Paragraph # 9 write the minor child's current, full legal name on the first line. On the second line, write the minor child's name as you want it to be after the name change.
 - Explain in detail the reasons for the name change and how those reasons are in the best interests of the child.
 - If the minor child has criminal convictions under state or federal law, explain how your request to change the minor child's name is not based upon an intent to defraud or mislead, is made in good faith, will not cause injury to an individual, and will not compromise public safety.
 - If you need additional space for your statement, do not write on the back of the form. Write on one side of a new sheet (or sheets) of paper and put a check mark (
 ✓) next to "Additional sheets attached."

- - Fill in the corresponding notice information.
 - If you ask the court to waive publication due to domestic violence, explain in detail. You must give evidence satisfactory to the court that you have been the victim of domestic violence. (See definition above.)
 - If you need additional space for your explanation, do not write on the back of the form. Write on one side of a new sheet (or sheets) of paper and put a check mark (

 ✓) next to "Additional sheets attached."
 - If the court does not waive publication in the newspaper, you will need to complete Step 1 and file the affidavit of publication (provided by the newspaper) with the court.
- - If you received written objections to the petition for name change, list the names of the people who objected and their relation to the minor child.
 - You file the written objections with the Clerk of District Court in Step 3.
- o Paragraph # 12 if this statement is not accurate, do not use these forms.
- Sign this form in front of a Notary Public or Clerk of Court. You will need to show a
 driver's license or photo identification card so the Notary Public or Clerk of Court can
 verify your identity.

Confidential Information Form

- On the top of the form, fill in the current, full legal name of the minor child.
- Leave the case number blank. The case number is assigned by the clerk of court when you file the petition and other documents in Step 3.
- Use the child's full birthdate Month/Date/Year
- Sign and date the form.

• Order Granting Change of Name (Proposed)

- On the top of the form, fill in the county where you will file the petition and the current, full legal name of the minor child
- Prepare this document to present to the judge for his/her signature if the name change is granted.
- DO NOT DATE OR SIGN THIS FORM.

^{**} This document will not be accessible to the public. See <u>Rule 3.4 of the North Dakota</u> <u>Rules of Court</u> for privacy protections for documents filed with the court.

Step 3 – File the following original, completed documents with the Clerk of District Court.

Contact information for clerks of court by county may be found at www.ndcourts.gov/court.

File the following with the District Court where you and the minor child have resided for at least 6 months before filing the Petition.

If you published notice in the newspaper (completed Step 1), file the following:

- Petition for Name Change of a Minor Child;
- Affidavit of Petitioner;
- Confidential Information Form;
- Notice of Petition For Name Change;
- Affidavit(s) of Publication (provided to you by the newspaper or newspapers);
- Affidavit of Service by Mail;
- All written objections you received; and
- Order Granting Change of Name (Proposed).

You will be asked to pay an \$80.00 filing fee.

If you <u>did not</u> publish notice in the newspaper (skipped Step 1) because you are asking the court to waive publication, file the following:

- Petition For Name Change;
- Affidavit of Petitioner;
- Confidential Information Form; and
- Order Granting Name Change (Proposed).

You will be asked to pay an \$80.00 filing fee.

If you are unable to afford the \$80.00 filing fee, forms and instructions to ask the court to waive the filing fee are available online at www.ndcourts.gov/ndlshc/ by clicking on the "Other Forms" link. File the completed waiver forms at the same time as your name change documents.

If you asked the court to waive publication and the court does not waive publication:

If the court denies your request to waive the publication requirement, the court will notify you. Then, you will need to complete Step 1 and file the completed Notice of Petition for Name Change, Affidavit(s) of Publication, and Affidavit of Service by Mail with the court.

If the court requires a criminal history background check:

After you file the documents listed above, you will be notified by the court if a criminal history background check for the minor child is required.

If the court requires you to complete a criminal history background check for the minor child, you may be directed to the following website to get the child's criminal history background check:

https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks.

You are required to pay all costs associated with the criminal history record check.

If the court requires a hearing:

A hearing is not required for petitions for name changes. However, the court may decide a hearing is necessary. The Clerk of District Court will notify you with the date, time and location of the hearing, if the court decides a hearing is necessary.

IN DISTRICT COURT,	COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
IN THE MATTER OF TH	HE PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF
	, A MINOR CHILD
NOTICE OF PE	TITION FOR NAME CHANGE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Peti	tion in the above-entitled matter will be filed with the
Clerk of District Court for	County, North Dakota, requesting an Order
changing the name of	
(current full legal name of child) to	
(requested full legal name of child).	
Pursuant to N.D.C.C. 32-28-02, t	hirty days previous notice of the intended application
must be given in the official newspaper	printed in this county as well as in the official
newspaper of the county where the nor	n-custodial parent resides. You are hereby notified that
thirty days after publication, petitioner	intends to file a petition requesting entry of the Court's
Order changing the name of	
	y objection to granting this name change must be given
in writing to the address listed below w	ithin 30 days of the date of this publication. The written
objection must also be filed with the Co	ourt. If no objections are given, the Court may respond
to the Petition without further hearing.	
Dated this day of	, 20
(Petitioner Signature)	
(Printed Name)	
(Address)	
(City, State Zip Code)	

IN DISTRICT COURT,	COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
IN THE MATTER OF THE	PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF
	, A MINOR CHILD
AFFIDAVIT	OF SERVICE BY MAIL
	(name), being first duly sworn and
being of legal age, depose and say that on served a copy of the following:	the, 20, I
1. Notice of Petition For Name Chan	nge
or other interested party) by placing a true	, (name of non-custodial parent e and correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed stodial parent or other interested party below)
N.D.C.C. § 32-28-02(4).	office in the state of North Dakota, pursuant to(signature of Person Who Mailed Envelope)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this	day of 20
	day of, 20 Notary Public
(County, North Dakota

IN	DISTRICT COURT,	COU	NTY, NORTH DAKOTA
	Cas	e No	
	PETITION FOR NA	ME CHANGE OF	
	-	,	, A MINOR CHILD
	Pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 32-28-02,		
	e), Petitioner, respectfully petitions the Cou		
	name), and respectfully states to the Court		(erma s carrette jun
1.	Petitioner's relationship to the minor chil	d is	
2.	The minor child,		(child's
currer	nt full legal name), currently resides with Pe	etitioner at the Peti	tioner's home at
	(c	nddress)	(city)
	County, North	Dakota,	(zip code).
3.	The minor child has been a resident of		County, North
Dakot	a, for more than six months immediately p	receding this petition	on.
	The minor child is a □citizen (OR) □pern	nanent resident alie	en (<i>choose one</i>) of the
Unite	d States.		
5.	The minor child was born in the year	(birth year) ir	າ
(city),	(state).		
6.	Petitioner makes this Petition for Name C	hange pursuant to	N.D.C.C. § 32-28-02 of the
North	Dakota Century Code and hereby requests	the Court change t	the minor child's name from
			_ (child's current full legal
name) to		(requested full legal
name	of child).		

- 7. The reasons Petitioner is seeking a name change for the minor child are stated in the Affidavit of Petitioner, which is filed with this Petition for Name Change and incorporated by reference.
- 8. The Petitioner states that the appointment of a guardian ad litem, as allowed under N.D.C.C. § 32-28-02, is unnecessary given the facts of this petition.

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	al newspaper in		
	r child resides. The affidavit of p		
	AND (choose one)		
	☐The minor child does not h a	ave a non-custodial parent.	
	☐The minor child has a non-c	ustodial parent. A Notice of P	Petition for Name
	Change was published on	ed on, 20 in t	, 20 in the
			(<i>newspaper</i>), the
	official newspaper in	County, _	
	(state), where the minor child	's non-custodial parent reside	s. The affidavit of
publication is filed with the court.	ourt.		
Not later than ten (10) days after publication of notice,		fter publication of notice, a co	py of the Notice of
	Petition for Name Change was mailed to the non-custodial parent's last		
	reasonably ascertained post-office address on,		
	20 The notice was dep	osited in the post office in	
	(city), North Dakota. The affic	davit of service by mail is filed	with the court.
(OR)			

	\Box Petitioner requests that the court waive publication of the Notice of Petition for Name
	Change because: (A Judge MAY waive publication of the Notice. If you want the judge to
	waive the publication of the Notice of Petition for Name Change, check the reason or
	reasons below.)
	☐Petitioner only requests a change of a first or middle name.
	☐Petitioner is a victim of domestic violence as defined in N.D.C.C. § 14-07.1-01.
	A detailed statement is provided in the affidavit accompanying this petition.
10.	Objections to Petition for Name Change: (choose one)
	☐No written objections to the Petition for Name Change were given to the Petitioner
	within thirty (30) days of publication of the Notice of Petition for Name Change.
	(OR)
	☐Written objections to the Petition for Name Change were given to the Petitioner. The
	written objections accompany this petition.
	(OR)
	☐Petitioner is requesting that the court waive publication of the Notice of Petition for
	Name Change. Notice of the petition has not been published.
11.	Petitioner does not wish to change the name of the minor child for any fraudulent,
illegal,	or immoral purpose, such as to avoid any type of debt or other obligation, or to avoid
crimina	al prosecution.
12.	Petitioner believes it to be in the best interests of the child for his/her (choose one)
name t	to be changed to
(reques	sted full legal name of child). A detailed statement is provided in the affidavit
accom	panying this petition.
13.	There is no just cause to deny this Petition for Name Change.

ı	_ COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA		
		Case No.	
	IN THE MATTER OF THE I	PETITION FOR A N	IAME CHANGE OF
			, A MINOR CHILD
	AFFIDA	/IT OF PETITIONE	R
	l,		, the undersigned
bein	g first sworn, on my oath state that th	e following is true t	o the best of my knowledge:
1.	My full name is		
and	I am the Petitioner.		
2.	My relationship to the minor child	is	
3.	The full name of the other parent is	s	
and	their last reasonably ascertained post	office address is:	
	The other parent □is (OR) □is no		
5.	The minor child is a □citizen (OR)	□permanent resid	ent alien (<i>choose one</i>) of the
Unit	ed States.		
6.	The minor child,		
(chil	d's current full legal name), was born i	n the year	(<i>birth year</i>) in
		(city),	(state).
7.	The minor child currently resides w	vith me at my home	at
	(address)		(city)
Cou	nty, North Dakota, (zip	code).	
8.	The minor child has been a residen	t of	County, North Dakota,
for r	nore than six months immediately pre	ceding the date of	the Petition for Name Change.

9.	I petition for a name change for the minor from:	
		(child's current full name) to
		(child's requested full legal
name	for the following reasons: (state reasons a name cha	
		<i>g </i>
	☐Additional sheets attached.	

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	cial newspaper in		
mino	or child resides. The affidavit of publicat	tion is filed with the court.	
	AND (choose one)		
	☐The minor child does not have a no	on-custodial parent.	
	☐The minor child has a non-custodia	al parent. A Notice of Petition for N	ame
	Change was published on	, 20 ir	n the
		(newspaper)	, the
	official newspaper in	County,	
	(state), where the minor child's non-	custodial parent resides. The affida	vit of
	publication is filed with the court.		
	A copy of the Notice of Petition for N	Name Change was mailed to the non) -
	custodial parent's last reasonably asc	certained post-office address on	
	, 20	The notice was deposited in the	he post
office in (<i>city</i>), N		(<i>city</i>), North Dakota. T	Γhe
	affidavit of service by mail is filed wit	th the court.	
(OR))		
) am requesting the court waive publicatio	on of the Notice of Petition for Name	e Chan
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☐ Additional sheets attached.
I understand that if the court does not waive publication of the Notice of Petition for
Name Change, I must provide notice and proof of notice to the court as required by
N.D.C.C. Ch. 32-28.
Objections to Petition for Name Change: (choose one)
☐No written objections to the Petition for Name Change were given to me within thirty
(30) days of publication of the Notice of Petition for Name Change.
(OR)
☐Written objections to the Petition for Name Change were given to me by the following
people: (list objector's name and relationship to minor child)
(OR)
☐I am requesting that the court waive publication of the Notice of Petition for Name
Change. Notice of the petition has not been published.

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requesting a nar	me change for any fraudu	ulent, illegal, or im	imoral purpose. The	e reque	sted name
change of my m	inor child will not cause i	njury to any indiv	idual or compromis	e public	safety.
Dated this	day of	, 20			
			(Signature of Pe	titioner)
			(type or print no	ime of F	Petitioner)
	☐father of				
(child's current f	full legal name), a minor	child.			
State of:					
Signed and swor	rn to before me on		,	20	_ by
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Notary Public/Cl	lerk of Court				
If Notary, my co	mmission expires:				
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IN DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF	, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
	Case No.
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION	ON FOR NAME CHANGE OF
	, A MINOR CHILD
CONFIDENTIAL INFO	RMATION FORM
BIRTH DATE	
(Child's date of birth – Month/Day/Year)	
Information supplied by:	
(Signature of Petitioner)	, Petitioner
(Signature of Fetitioner)	
(Typed or print name of Petitioner)	<u></u>
Dated:	<u> </u>

IN DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY	OF, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
	Case No
IN THE MATTER OF	THE PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF
	, A MINOR CHILD
ORDER GR	RANTING CHANGE OF NAME
The above-entitled matter came befo	re this court in the City of,
County of, No	
	(Name) for a change of name for his/her
	(child's current full legal name)
	(child's requested full legal name).
	ourt that the Petition is in proper form and that the
allegations, matters, and facts stated	therein are true, and that there exists proper and
reasonable cause for changing the na	me of
	(child's current full legal name).
NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDE	RED that the Petition for Name Change be GRANTED and
	(child's current full
(child's requested full legal name).	
Dated:, 20	0
Honorable	
	
Judge of the District Court	