

In District Court, _____ County, North Dakota

Case No. _____

In The Matter of the Petition for Name Change of

_____, a **Minor Child**
(Child's Current First, Middle (if any), and Last Legal Name)

Petition for Name Change

1. Petitioner, _____ (Petitioner's first, middle (if any), and last name), petitions the Court under [North Dakota Century Code \(N.D.C.C.\) Section 32-28-02](#), for a change of name of the minor child (child's **current** full legal name):

Current First name	
Current Middle name(s) (if any)	
Current Last name	

and respectfully states to the Court as follows:

2. Petitioner's relationship to the minor child is _____.
3. The minor child's other parent is _____
(first, middle (if any) and last name of child's other parent) and their last reasonably ascertained post office address is: _____ (address)
_____ (city) _____ County, _____ (state),
_____ (zip code).
4. The minor child currently resides with Petitioner at the Petitioner's home at
_____ (address) _____ (city)
_____ County, North Dakota, _____ (zip code).

5. The minor child is a resident of _____ County, North Dakota, since _____ (*month and year*), which is more than six months immediately preceding this petition.

6. The minor child (*choose one checkbox*) ☐ is a United States citizen (**or**) ☐ is a permanent resident alien of the United States.

7. The minor child was born in the year _____ (*list birth year only*) and is less than 18 years of age.

8. Petitioner requests the Court change the minor child's name to (***requested legal name***):

Requested First name	
Requested Middle name(s) (if any)	
Requested Last name	

9. The reasons Petitioner is seeking a name change for the minor child are stated in the Declaration of Petitioner, which is filed with this Petition for Name Change of a Minor Child and incorporated by reference.

10. The Petitioner states that the appointment of a guardian ad litem, as allowed under N.D.C.C. Section 32-28-02, is unnecessary given the facts of this Petition, which are stated in the Declaration of Petitioner.

11. **Notice in the Newspaper of the County of the Minor Child's Residence:** The Notice of Petition for Name Change was published on _____ (*date*), in the _____ (*name of newspaper*), the official newspaper in _____ County, North Dakota, where the minor child resides. The Affidavit of Publication, or Declaration of Publication, is filed with the court.

12. Notice to the Minor Child's Non-Custodial Parent (*choose one checkbox. A non-custodial parent is a parent with less than 50% of the residential responsibility*):

☐ The minor child **does not have** a non-custodial parent, the facts of which are stated in in the Declaration of Petitioner.

☐ The minor child **has** a non-custodial parent. The Notice of Petition for Name Change was published on _____ (date), in the _____
(name of newspaper), the official newspaper in _____ County, _____
(state), where the minor child's non-custodial parent resides. The Affidavit of Publication, or Declaration of Publication, is filed with the court.

A copy of the Notice of Petition for Name Change was mailed to the non-custodial parent's last reasonably ascertained post-office address on _____ (date). The notice was mailed from the post office in _____ (city), North Dakota. The Declaration of Service by Mail is filed with the court.

13. Objections to Petition for Name Change (*choose one checkbox*):

☐ 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.

☐ Written objections to the Petition for Name Change were given to the Petitioner by the following people (*list objector's name and relationship to minor child*):

The written objections accompany this petition.

14. 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 criminal prosecution.

15. Petitioner believes it to be in the best interests of the minor child for their name to be changed. A detailed statement is provided in the Declaration of Petitioner filed with this Petition.

16. There is no just cause to deny this Petition for Name Change.

17. Wherefore, Petitioner requests that the Court enter an Order granting that the name of the minor child be changed from the child's current name, which is listed in Paragraph 1, to the requested name, which is listed in Paragraph 8.

Dated _____.

_____, Petitioner
(Petitioner's Signature)

(Printed Name of Petitioner)

(Address)

(City, State, Zip Code)

(Telephone Number)

(Email Address)