

IN DISTRICT COURT, _____ COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

Case No. _____

PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF

_____, **A MINOR CHILD**

Pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 32-28-02, _____
(*name*), Petitioner, respectfully petitions the Court for a change of name of the minor child,

(*child's current full legal name*), and respectfully states to the Court as follows:

1. Petitioner's relationship to the minor child is _____.
2. The minor child, _____ (*child's current full legal name*), currently resides with Petitioner at the Petitioner's home at _____ (*address*) _____ (*city*) _____ County, North Dakota, _____ (*zip code*).
3. The minor child has been a resident of _____ County, North Dakota, for more than six months immediately preceding this petition.
4. The minor child is a citizen **(OR)** permanent resident alien (*choose one*) of the United States.
5. The minor child was born in the year _____ (*birth year*) in _____ (*city*), _____ (*state*).
6. Petitioner makes this Petition for Name Change pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 32-28-02 of the North Dakota Century Code and hereby requests the Court change 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.

9. Notice: (*choose one*)

The Notice of Petition for Name Change was published on _____, 20____ in the _____ (*newspaper*), the official newspaper in _____ County, North Dakota, where the minor child resides. The affidavit of publication is filed with the court.

AND (*choose one*)

The minor child **does not have** a non-custodial parent.

The minor child **has** a non-custodial parent. A Notice of Petition for Name Change was published on _____, 20____ in the _____ (*newspaper*), the official newspaper in _____ County, _____ (*state*), where the minor child's non-custodial parent resides. The affidavit of publication is filed with the court.

Not later than ten (10) days after publication of notice, 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 _____, 20____. The notice was deposited in the post office in _____ (*city*), North Dakota. The affidavit of service by mail is filed with the court.

(OR)

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 criminal prosecution.

12. Petitioner believes it to be in the best interests of the child for his/her *(choose one)* name to be changed to _____

(requested full legal name of child). A detailed statement is provided in the affidavit accompanying this petition.

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

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that the Court enter an order changing the name of _____ (*current full legal name of child*) to _____ (*requested full legal name of child*).

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____

PETITIONER (*signature*)

(*type or print your name*)

(*type or print your address*)

(*type or print your city, state, zipcode*)

(*type or print your telephone number*)

(*type or print your email address*)