

SUPERIOR COURT OF RICHMOND COUNTY, GEORGIA
CIVIL ACTION FILE _____

In re the Name Change of: _____)
 Child(ren): _____)
 _____)
 _____)
 _____)
 Petitioner: _____)
 Respondent: _____)

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME(S) OF MINOR CHILD(REN)

The Petitioner files this *Petition to Change Name(s) of Minor Child(ren)*, and states the following:

1.

The Petitioner's name is _____, and
 Petitioner resides in Richmond County, Georgia. Therefore, jurisdiction and venue
 are proper in this court.

2.

The Petitioner's relationship to the child(ren) in this action is: *[Check ONLY ONE below]*

- Mother
- Father
- Guardian.

3.

These are the current names, birthdates, and proposed new names of the child(ren) for
 whom the name change is sought:

<i>Current Name of Child</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Proposed New Name</i>

4.

[Check ONLY ONE of the following]

- The minor children live with the Petitioner in Richmond County, Georgia.
- The minor children do not live with the Petitioner. They live with _____ in _____ County, Georgia.

5.

[Explain why you desire the name change(s) in this section]

The reasons for this name change are as follows:

6.

The mother of the child(ren) is _____,
 her address is (include street address, city, state, zip code and telephone number):

[Check ONLY ONE of the following]

- Has consented to this name change and has acknowledged service; the signed consent and acknowledgement of service shall be filed with this *Petition*.
- Is deceased.
- Has abandoned the child(ren).
- Has not contributed to the support of the child(ren) for a continuous period of at least 5 years immediately preceding the filing of this *Petition*.
- Is the Petitioner.

7.

The father of the child(ren) is _____,

his address is *(include street address, city, state, zip code and telephone number)*:

_____, and he:

[Check ONLY ONE of the following]

- Has consented to this name change and has acknowledged service; the signed consent and acknowledgement of service shall be filed with this *Petition*.
- Is deceased.
- Has abandoned the child(ren).
- Has not contributed to the support of the child(ren) for a continuous period of at least 5 years immediately preceding the filing of this *Petition*.
- Is the Petitioner.

8.

[Check ONLY ONE of the following]

- There is no legal guardian for the child(ren), other than their parent(s).
- Both parents are deceased or have abandoned the child(ren) and the guardian of the child(ren) is _____,
whose address is *(include street address, city, state, zip code and telephone number)*:

and he or she has consented to this name change and has acknowledged service; the signed consent and acknowledgement of service shall be filed with this *Petition*.

THEREFORE, the Petitioner asks

That the name(s) of the minor child(ren) be changed to the name(s) shown in paragraph 3 of this *Petition*.

[Check below *ONLY* if applicable]

- That the Sheriff's department personally serve the
 - Mother
 - Father
 - Guardian of the minor child(ren)by certified mail, because they reside outside the State of Georgia.
- That the Court order service by publication for the
 - Mother
 - Father
 - Guardian of the minor child(ren)Whose address is unknown.

DATE

PETITIONER, *Pro Se* [Signature]

Petitioner's Name [*Print*]: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

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VERIFICATION OF NAME CHANGE PETITION FOR MINOR CHILD(REN)

The Petitioner, _____,

personally appeared before the undersigned officer, duly authorized to administer oaths. After being sworn by said officer, the petitioner attests that all matters stated in the attached *Petition to Change Name(s) of Minor Child(ren)* are true and correct.

DATE

PETITIONER [Sign in front of notary]

Sworn and subscribed before me
This _____ day of _____, _____.

NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires: _____

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**CONSENT TO CHANGE NAME(S) OF MINOR CHILD(REN) and
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE**

1.

My name is _____ and my address is (list
street address, city, zip code and telephone number):

2.

My relationship to the child(ren) in this action is: [Check ONE of the following]:

- Mother
- Father
- Guardian

3.

I have received a copy of the *Petition* being filed by _____
_____ to change the name(s) of the
children, and I hereby give my consent to the name(s) being changed as follows:

<i>Current Name of Child</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Proposed New Name</i>

4.

I consent to both jurisdiction and venue as they are stated in the *Petition*. So long as any final order in this action is consistent with this consent form, then I waive formal process, further notice, my right to a hearing and, if I am on active duty in the armed forces, I also waive my rights under the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act, 50 USC § 521. I give my consent for the Court to hear this matter without a jury and without notice to me anytime after the last day on which the filing of defensive pleadings would have been required. Should further notice be required for any reason, the notice should be mailed to me at the address shown in Paragraph One above.

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN

appeared before me on this _____
day of _____, _____, and stated
under oath that he or she had read the foregoing
document, understood it, and signed it voluntarily
in my presence.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: _____

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME(S) OF MINOR CHILD(REN)

Notice is hereby given that _____, the undersigned, filed a *Petition to Change Name(s) of Minor Child(ren)* in the Superior Court of Richmond County on [insert date of filing] _____ to change the name(s) of the following minor child(ren):

From:	To:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within the time prescribed in O.C.G.A. §§ 19-12-1(f)(2) & (3).

DATE

PETITIONER, *Pro Se* [Signature]

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ORDER CHANGING NAME(S) OF MINOR CHILD(REN)

This matter came before the Court on the Petitioner's verified *Petition to Change Name(s) of Minor Child(ren)*. It appears to the Court that the required notice has been published, that any necessary parties have been served or have acknowledged service, that no objections have been timely filed, that sufficient grounds exist for the requested relief prayed for in said *Petition to Change Name(s) of Minor Child(ren)*, and that no reason appears why said prayers should not be granted, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the name(s) of the following minor child(ren) shall be changed as follows:

<i>Old Name of Minor Child</i>	<i>New Name of Minor Child</i>

SO ORDERED this _____ day of _____, _____.

 Superior Court Judge
 Augusta Judicial Circuit