

Thomas A. Swift, Judge
TRUMBULL COUNTY PROBATE COURT
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MINOR NAME CHANGE

What it will cost: The court collects a \$132.00 deposit when the application is filed. There is usually an additional \$7.00 to \$10.00 due the day of the hearing. You may call the court prior to your hearing to find out what the approximate balance due will be.

What it will do: The name change, once approved, will change the minor's legal name. It will not change the name that is on the minor's birth certificate. Usually a certified copy of the name change will accompany the birth certificate to show a legal name change has been granted.

What to expect: You will need to complete the two-page application. Please note: The minor must be a resident of Trumbull County for at least one year prior to filing the application. Please type or print legibly in blue or black ink and sign the application; this is an official court document. If the minor uses a middle name, do not forget to include it on the application. A certified copy of the minor's birth certificate is required.

In addition to the two-page application, the court must also have both parents' written consent. A form is provided for this. If you are unable to obtain a parent's consent, the court will notify the non-consenting parent by certified mail. If either the name or the address of the non-consenting parent is unknown, an affidavit will need to be filed with the application. Please inform the counter clerk and an affidavit form will be provided.

Once the application has been accepted for filing, you will be contacted within one to three days by the assignment clerk with a hearing date. The hearing will be approximately two months from the date the application was filed.

On the day of the hearing, you will come to the Probate Court. Please call the court prior to the hearing date to see if it is necessary for you to bring the minor. The hearing lasts approximately fifteen minutes and will be before a magistrate. The magistrate will make a recommendation and you will know the outcome of the hearing at that time.

If the name change is granted, you will be provided a certified copy of the judgment entry upon payment of the balance of court costs due. There is a \$2.00 charge for each additional certified copy of the judgment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the court. Although the clerks are prohibited from offering legal advice, we will gladly assist you with clerical questions.

**PROBATE COURT OF TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO
THOMAS A. SWIFT, JUDGE**

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF _____
(Present Name)

To _____
(Name Requested)

Case No. _____

**APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR
[R.C. 2717.01]**

The applicant states that the applicant is the _____ parent _____ legal guardian _____ guardian ad litem of the minor and that the minor has been a bona fide resident of _____ County, Ohio, for at least one year immediately prior to the filing of this application. A certified copy of the minor's birth certificate is attached. _____ County, Ohio for at least one year immediately prior to the filling of this application.

The applicant states that the name and address of the mother of the minor is:

Name

Address

City State Zip

And the name and address of the father or alleged father of the minor is:

Name

Address

City State Zip

Applicant states that the address of the _____ mother _____ father or alleged father is unknown and cannot with reasonable diligence be ascertained.

There is no person alleged to be the father of said minor.

The applicant requests a change of name from _____
to _____

for the following reason: _____

The applicant states that the applicant will cause notice of the application to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in this county at least thirty (30) days before the hearing on this application. In addition, notice will be given by the applicant to any non-consenting parent or alleged father, whose addresses are know, by certified mail, return receipt requested.

Attorney for Applicant

Applicant's Signature

Typed or Printed Name

Typed or Printed Name

Address

Address

City State Zip

City State Zip

Telephone Number (include area code)

Telephone Number (including area code)

Attorney Registration No. _____

JUDGEMENT ENTRY SETTING HEARING AND ORDERING NOTICE

The Court orders this application set for hearing on the _____ day of _____, _____, at _____ o'clock _____.m. The applicant is ordered to cause notice of the application to be given by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in this county at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date, as well as certified mail service, return receipt requested, if necessary, as required by law.

THOMAS A. SWIFT
JUDGE

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

**PROBATE COURT OF TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO
THOMAS A. SWIFT, JUDGE**

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF _____

(Present Name)

To _____

(Name Requested)

Case No. _____

CONSENT TO CHANGE OF NAME

The undersigned _____

[check one of the following 3 capacities by which your consent is given]

Mother

Father

Alleged Father

hereby waives notice of the hearing on the Application for Change of Name and consents to the change of name of

to _____

as proposed in the Application.

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this _____ day of _____, _____

Deputy Clerk/Notary Public

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