

MINOR NAME CHANGE APPLICATION INFORMATION

BUSINESS IN THE COURT SHALL BE CONDUCTED ON A CASH BASIS; NO COURT COST CAN BE REFUNDED.

You must be a resident of Lake County for a least one continuous year before you file your application. If you have not lived in Lake County for at least one year, your application will be dismissed and your filing fees will not be refunded.

The papers you file must be **typed**. Illegible documents will be refused for filing. All names must be complete. Use middle names instead of middle initials. Incorrect spellings may result in additional cost to you as well as a delay in the change of name.

NOTE: Both applicant and minor must attend hearing.

If you are attempting to change the name of a minor, the parents of the minor including an alleged father, must consent to the name change or receive legal notice of the name change. The parent or alleged father must receive legal notice regardless of the name change in a newspaper or general circulation in the county. It is your responsibility to make sure that the legal notice is correct and completed. If the parents of the minor are divorced, a certified copy of the divorce decree must be presented with the application. A legible copy of the minor's certified birth certificate should be presented. The copy of the birth certificate will not be made a part of the record.

In a minor name change, if the parent does not consent, the applicant must prove by clear and convincing evidence that the name of the minor should be changed. This may require witnesses and evidence to present at the time of the hearing. If you should have any question as to how to present your case, you should consult with an attorney.

Checks should be made out to: Lake County Probate Court
Filing fee is \$105.00

Restricted mailing and filing fee is \$119.89

If you have questions please call 440-350-2833

MARK J. BARTOLOTTA, JUDGE
PROBATE COURT OF LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

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.

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 the minor.

The applicant states that the person for whom a change of name is being requested

1) _____ has has not been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been adjudicated a delinquent child for
initials identity fraud.

2) _____ has a has no duty to comply with R.C. 2950.04 or R.C. 2950.041 because the applicant was
initials convicted of, pled guilty to, or was adjudicated a delinquent child for having committed a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense.

CASE NO. _____

The applicant requests a change of name of the minor 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 known, 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 (include area code)

Attorney Registration No. _____

JOURNAL 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.

Probate Judge

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

**MARK J. BARTOLOTTA, JUDGE
PROBATE COURT OF LAKE COUNTY, OHIO**

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 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

**PROBATE COURT OF LAKE COUNTY, OHIO
MARK J. BARTOLOTTA, JUDGE**

IN RE: _____

CASE NO. _____

AFFIDAVIT OF UNKNOWN RESIDENCE

_____, being first duly sworn according to
(applicant or applicants)
law, deposes and says that the residence of _____, the natural parent of
(natural parent)
_____, is unknown and cannot be ascertained with
(name of minor)
reasonable diligence, even though I have exercised same.

(applicant)

(applicant)

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Deputy Clerk