

INFORMATION SHEET FOR MINOR NAME CHANGE
IN RUTHERFORD COUNTY CHANCERY COURT

In accordance with T.C.A. § 29-8-102, you must be a resident of Rutherford County, Tennessee, to petition for a name change in Rutherford County Chancery Court.

Chancery Court requires the following:

1. Complete the sworn PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE form in full. Both parents/legal guardians must sign the PETITION on behalf of the minor child, and both parents/legal guardians must **APPEAR** before the Judge.
2. Attach a copy of your CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE showing both parents' names and/or an Order of Paternity/Legitimation.
3. Attach copies of both parents' BIRTH CERTIFICATES.
4. Attach copies of both parents' DRIVER'S LICENSES or other form of government-issued picture ID.
5. Attach a copy of the MARRIAGE LICENSE OR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE if the parents/legal guardians are married.
6. Attach copies of SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS for the minor and both parents/legal guardians.
7. After completing all of the above, set the Court date with the office of the Judge who is assigned to your case.

THE COURT DATE WILL ONLY BE SET AFTER STEPS ONE (1) THROUGH SIX (6) ARE COMPLETED.

A step-parent cannot consent to the name change on behalf of the natural Mother or Father unless there is an Order of Adoption or other termination of the Mother and/or Father's parental rights.

Once the Order is entered, it is the parents' responsibility to submit the Order to Vital Records for the changes to be made to the birth certificate.

The information provided by the Clerk and Master's Office regarding name change petitions is a general guide and not intended to cover every possible name change scenario. The granting of a name change, including what documents are sufficient, is a decision made by the Judge. The Clerk and Master's Office is prohibited from providing legal advice, other than the advice to seek the assistance of an attorney.

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE
AT MURFREESBORO**

IN THE MATTER OF:

_____ **NO.** _____
A Minor by

**Petitioner
(Mother)**

**Petitioner
(Father)**

PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR

Directions:

- 1. Print and use current FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last).**
- 2. Attach copies of child's and parents' BIRTH CERTIFICATES.**
- 3. Attach copies of parents' DRIVER'S LICENSES or other government-issued picture identification.**
- 4. Attach copies of child's and parents' SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS.**
- 5. Print your FULL ADDRESS, which includes zip code.**

Comes now your Petitioner(s), _____,

Mother and/or Father of _____, a minor,

pursuant to T.C.A. § 29-8-101, *et seq.*, in the above-styled and numbered cause, and files this petition requesting a name change and for cause of action would state unto the Court as follows:

1. The minor child is a resident of Rutherford County, Tennessee.

2. The Mother and/or Father are residents of Rutherford County, Tennessee and respectively reside at:

Street Address	City	Zip Code
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3. Petitioner(s) would show unto the Court that said minor child was born in _____ County, State of _____ on _____ and whose name appears as _____ on his/her birth certificate.

4. Petitioner(s) desires to change the name of the minor for the following reasons:

5. Petitioner(s) respectfully requests of this Honorable Court that he/she be allowed to change the minor's name to _____.

6. Petitioner(s) states that the request for name change is not to defraud, evade law enforcement authorities or creditors pursuant to T.C.A. § 29-8-101.

7. Petitioner(s) states that he/she has not been convicted of first-degree or second-degree murder; that he/she is not required to register pursuant to the Sexual Offender Registration and Monitoring Act, codified at T.C.A. Title 40, Chapter 39.

PREMISES SEEN AND CONSIDERED, PETITIONER(S) PRAYS:

1. That upon a hearing of this cause, the Court order legal change of the name of the minor child to _____.
2. For such other further and general relief to which the Petitioner(s) may be entitled.

This petition is filed under penalty of perjury this the _____ day of _____, _____.

PETITIONER
(MOTHER)

Print Name

Email Address

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF RUTHERFORD

I, _____, being first duly sworn according to law, state that the contents herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

PETITIONER
(MOTHER)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____,
_____.

CLERK OF COURT OR NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____

PETITIONER
(FATHER)

Print Name

Email Address

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF RUTHERFORD

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PETITIONER
(FATHER)

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**Petitioner
(Father)**

ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR

This cause came on to be heard on this date upon the sworn petition of _____,
Mother and/or Father of _____, a minor,
born _____, upon their sworn testimony in open Court, and
upon the entire record in this cause.

It appearing to the Court from all of the above that said minor was born in _____, on _____ and is
presently a resident of Rutherford County, Tennessee and that the Petitioner(s) for good and
sufficient cause desires to change his/her name to _____
and that the change should be officially noted on the minor's birth certificate, and the old
information blocked and deleted.

IT IS, THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the name of _____ be and is hereby changed to _____ and that such name change be officially shown and designated hereafter for all legal purposes as such and that a copy of this Order be furnished to appropriate State agencies to effectuate the purposes of this Order for Name Change.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the appropriate State agencies officially note on the minor child's birth certificate the ordered changes and the old information blocked and deleted.

The costs of this cause are assessed to the Petitioner(s) for which execution may issue, if necessary.

JUDGE

DATE

PETITIONER
(Mother)

PETITIONER
(Father)