

# **PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

**IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT  
YOU CONSULT AN ATTORNEY**

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SERVICE**

**610-566-6625 Ext. 221**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

YOU (PETITIONER) PLEASE READ AND COMPLY WITH **ALL** OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS

- **PRINT CLEARLY** when completing this packet to avoid delay of your Hearing and ensure proper spelling of your new name on the Final Decree.
- Complete the packet in full and bring the original along with two copies of the packet to the Office of Judicial Support. The filing fee is \$296.75. Acceptable methods of payment- Cash, Money Order, MasterCard or Discover. We do not accept personal checks, American Express, Visa or Debit cards.
- If you are filing a name change for more than one party, it must be filed in one petition, but a separate Decree for Change of Name must be completed for each party.
- All Petitioners, 13 years and older must also submit, with their original petition, a fingerprint card prepared by a police department representative.
- Your fingerprints must be taken by the police department that serves the city, borough, or township where you reside. You may go to the Pennsylvania State police barracks for this purpose only if your municipality is not served by a local department.
- The Office of Judicial Support will forward the original Petition/proposed Decree to the Court to schedule a hearing. The hearing will not be scheduled in fewer than 45 days to allow for publication.
- After you receive the information on your hearing date and time, it is your responsibility to publish the notice of hearing in the Delaware County Legal Journal **and** another newspaper of general publication. **It is strongly recommended that you contact these publications as soon as you get your hearing notice. Failure to do so in a timely manner may result in your hearing, and therefore your name change, being delayed.**
- No more than 48 hours prior to your hearing, it is your responsibility to have obtained a signed Certification of a Name Search from the Clerk of Courts. If the Petitioner has lived anywhere other than Delaware County in the last five years, then the Petitioner also will be responsible for obtaining signed Certifications of Name Search from those Clerks of Court where Petitioner lived previously.
- On the day of your hearing, you must bring with you the above-mentioned Proof of Publication.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
CIVIL ACTION – LAW

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME : NO:  
:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner :

**DECREE**

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, on the hearing of the within  
Petition and on motion of \_\_\_\_\_, and on presentation of proof  
of publication of notice as required by law together with proof that there are no judgments or  
decrees of record or any other matter of like effect against the petitioner, and it appearing that  
there is no legal objection to the granting of the prayer of the Petition,

IT IS ORDERED AND DECREED that the name of the Petitioner be and it is hereby  
changed to \_\_\_\_\_.

BY THE COURT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
J.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
CIVIL ACTION – LAW

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME : NO:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
: Petitioner

**PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

The Petition of \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_, respectfully  
represents:

1. The petitioner is \_\_\_\_\_, with a date of birth of \_\_\_\_\_, and resides at \_\_\_\_\_.
2. That petitioner has resided at the following address(es) during the five years preceding the filing of this Petition:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. The petitioner desires to change \_\_\_\_\_ name to \_\_\_\_\_ for the following reason(s): \_\_\_\_\_
4. That there are no judgements or decrees of like character of record against the petitioner.
5. The petitioner has not been convicted of any felonies.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests the Court, pursuant to the Act of December 16, 1982, P.L. 1309, NO. 295, § 2, 54 Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann. § 702, for the following:

- a. To fix a hearing on this Petition;
- b. To direct that notice be given on this Petition and hearing: and
- c. To enter a Decree changing the petitioner's name from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

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CIVIL ACTION – LAW

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME : NO:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner :

**VERIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, verify that the statements made in this Petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of the 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

I hereby certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney No. (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner :

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the undersigned, hereby certify that on  
\_\_\_\_\_ a true and correct copy of the \_\_\_\_\_  
was served on the following:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street address)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(City/Town, State, Zip Code)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone Number)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_