

IN DISTRICT COURT, _____ COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

Case No. _____

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF

_____, **A MINOR CHILD**
(child's current first, middle (if any), and last legal name)

PETITION

1. Pursuant to [North Dakota Century Code \(N.D.C.C.\) Section 32-28-02](#),

_____ *(petitioner's first, middle (if any), and last legal name)*, Petitioner, respectfully petitions the Court for a change of name of the minor child *(child's current full legal name)*:

Current First name	
Current Middle name(s) (if any)	
Current Last name	

and respectfully states to the Court as follows:

2. Petitioner's relationship to the minor child is _____.

3. The minor child currently resides with Petitioner at the Petitioner's home at _____ *(address)* _____ *(city)* _____ County, North Dakota, _____ *(zip code)*.

4. The minor child has been a resident of _____ County, North Dakota, for more than six months immediately preceding this petition.

5. The minor child *(choose one)* is a United States citizen **(OR)** is a permanent resident alien of the United States.

6. The minor child was born in the year _____ (*list birth year only*) and is less than 18 years of age.

7. Petitioner requests the Court change the minor child's name to (*child's requested legal name*):

Requested First name	
Requested Middle name(s) (if any)	
Requested Last name	

8. The reasons Petitioner is seeking a name change for the minor child are stated in the Declaration of Petitioner, which is filed with this Petition for Name Change and incorporated by reference.

9. The Petitioner states that the appointment of a guardian ad litem, as allowed under N.D.C.C. Section 32-28-02, is unnecessary given the facts of this petition, which are stated in the Declaration of Petitioner.

10. **Notice** (*choose one; Paragraph 10 continues on Page 3*):

The Notice of Petition for Name Change was published on _____ (*date*), in the _____ (*name of newspaper*), the official newspaper in _____ County, North Dakota, where the minor child resides. The affidavit of publication is filed with the court.

AND (*choose one; checkboxes continue on Page 3. A non-custodial parent is a parent with less than 50% of the residential responsibility*):

The minor child **does not have** a non-custodial parent.

The minor child **has** a non-custodial parent. A Notice of Petition for Name Change was published on _____ (date), in the _____ (name of newspaper), the official newspaper in _____ County, _____ (state), where the minor child's non-custodial parent resides. The affidavit of publication is filed with the court.

A copy of the Notice of Petition for Name Change was mailed to the non-custodial parent's last reasonably ascertained post-office address on _____ (date). The notice was mailed from the post office in _____ (city), North Dakota. The declaration of service by mail is filed with the court.

(OR)

Petitioner requests that the court waive publication of the Notice of Petition for Name Change because *(a judge MAY waive publication of the Notice. If you want the judge to waive the publication of the Notice of Petition for Name Change, check the reason or reasons below):*

Petitioner only requests a change of a first or middle name.

Petitioner is a victim of domestic violence as defined in N.D.C.C. § 14-07.1-01. A detailed statement is provided in the declaration accompanying this petition.

11. Objections to Petition for Name Change *(choose one; Paragraph 11 continues on Page 4):*

No written objections to the Petition for Name Change were given to the Petitioner within thirty (30) days of publication of the Notice of Petition for Name Change.

(OR)

Written objections to the Petition for Name Change were given to the Petitioner. The written objections accompany this petition.

(OR)

Petitioner is requesting that the court waive publication of the Notice of Petition for Name Change. Notice of the petition has not been published.

12. Petitioner does not wish to change the name of the minor child for any fraudulent, illegal, or immoral purpose, such as to avoid any type of debt or other obligation, or to avoid criminal prosecution.

13. Petitioner believes it to be in the best interests of the minor child for their name to be changed. A detailed statement is provided in the declaration accompanying this petition.

14. There is no just cause to deny this Petition for Name Change.

15. WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that the Court enter an order granting that the name of the minor child be changed from the child's current name, which is listed in Paragraph 1, to the requested name, which is listed in Paragraph 7.

Dated _____.

_____, Petitioner
(Petitioner's Signature)

(Printed Name of Petitioner)

(Address) (City, State, Zip Code)

(Telephone Number) (Email Address)