

**JAMES A. FREDERICKA, JUDGE**  
**TRUMBULL COUNTY PROBATE COURT**  
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**Warren, Ohio 44481**  
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**MINOR NAME CHANGE**

**What will it cost?** The court collects a \$142.00 deposit when the application is filed. You may call the court with your case number prior to the hearing to find out what the approximate balance due will be. **\*\*The Probate Court accepts payment by cash, check, and money order only. The Court does not accept payment by debit or credit cards.\*\***

**What will it do?** The name change, if approved, will change the minor's legal name. The minor's birth certificate will be changed to reflect the new name but will note that a legal change of name has been granted.

**What do I do?** You will need to complete the enclosed two-page application. **Please note: The minor must be a resident of Trumbull County for at least one year prior to filing the application for a name change.** 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, don't forget to include it on the application. A certified copy of the minor's birth certificate is required, certified within 30 days.

In addition to the enclosed two-page application, the court must 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.

**What should I expect?** Once the application has been accepted for filing, you will receive a notice of the 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. The hearing lasts about fifteen minutes and will be before a magistrate. The magistrate will review the application and make a recommendation to the Judge. In making a determination, the Court will consider what is in the best interest of the minor. In some circumstances, a guardian ad litem may be appointed to advise the court on the minor's best interests.

If the application is approved, you will be provided a certified copy of the judgment entry upon payment of the balance of court costs due. There is a \$1.10 charge for each additional certified copy of the judgment.

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

**PROBATE COURT OF TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO  
JAMES A. FREDERICKA, 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.

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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
James A. Fredericka, Probate Judge

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

**PROBATE COURT OF TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO  
JAMES A. FREDERICKA, 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 2 capacities by which your consent is given]**

- Parent
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk/Notary Public

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