FEES/PROCESSESS FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF AN ADULT

The 37th Circuit Court has assembled this packet as a resource for parties seeking to represent themselves in a name change matter. Courts and Court personnel are prohibited by law from giving legal advice. This packet is not a substitute for legal advice from an attorney but is intended only to provide parties the relevant court forms and instructions for their use.

<u>HELP</u>: Additional help is available, at no cost, at the **Michigan Legal Help** website. The Michigan Legal Help website helps parties prepare their court forms online for free. Name Change court forms and instructions can be found at: https://michiganlegalhelp.org/self-help-tools/family/name-change#

Contact information for Calhoun County Michigan Legal Help Self Help Centers is included in this packet or at https://michiganlegalhelp.org/organizations-courts/self-help-center-network-of-calhoun-county

<u>FEES</u>: There is a filing fee of \$175.00 that must be paid to the Court at the time of filing by check or money order made payable to "37th Judicial Circuit."

If you are not able to afford the filing fee you may qualify for a waiver of the fee. A "Fee Waiver Request" form is included in this packet or as a fillable PDF at: https://courts.michigan.gov/Administration/SCAO/Forms/courtforms/mc20.pdf

A fee waiver from the Court does not waive fees that must be paid other agencies such as to law enforcement for fingerprinting, a newspaper for publication, service fees if you have to serve another party, and/or the fee paid to the State for amending the birth certificate. Those fees are owed directly to those third parties, not to the Court.

<u>FILING</u>: File a "Petition to Change Name" (Form PC51) and required documents to start the process of changing your name.

A Petition to Change Name is included in this packet or as a fillable PDF at: https://courts.michigan.gov/Administration/SCAO/Forms/courtforms/pc51.pdf

BIRTH CERTIFICATE: A certified copy of the Birth Certificate of each person who is requesting a name change must be filed with Petition to Change Name. If your current name does not match your birth certificate, please file supporting documentation such as a Marriage Certificate and Judgment of Divorce when you file your Petition

HOW TO FILL OUT THE PETITION TO CHANGE NAME:

Paragraph #1: Indicate any previous court cases such as a support, divorce, paternity, custody and parent time, name change, adoption, neglect/abuse, guardianship, delinquency Paragraph #2: Indicate whether petition is only to change your name or whether a spouse or

child is included in the petition. (If a child is included, see instructions for children.)

Paragraph #3: You must say why you want to change your name.

- Paragraph #4: Attest that the name change is not sought for any fraudulent intent. You cannot change your name for fraudulent reasons. Fraudulent reasons include wanting to deceive creditors or escape a criminal history.
- Paragraph #5 Name any petitioner(s) that has/have a criminal record. Every person who wants their name changed will be asked if they have a criminal record but only those aged 22 years old or older are required to apply to the Michigan State Police for criminal history background check. (See Criminal Background Check below.)
- Paragraph #6 Attest that each person for whom a name change is sought has been a resident of Calhoun County for at least one year.
- **Paragraph** #7 Information about any minor child included in the Petition. (If a child is included, see separate instructions for children.)
- Paragraph #8 List the current first, middle, and last name of each Petitioner (under the column "From") and the first, middle, and last name that the Petitioner wants (under the column "To") and each Petitioner's date of birth.
- Paragraph #9 If you want to seal your original birth certificate, you must indicate that at this paragraph.

Before filing with the clerk, you must sign the Petition and make a copy of the signed Petition for each interested party. You will serve each interested party with a copy of your Petition.

COMMON REASONS FOR PETITIONS TO BE REJECTED/DENIED:

AT TIME OF FILING:

- No check or money order for filing fee.
- Petitioner does not provide a certified copy of a Birth Certificate or other supporting documents about the current name you are seeking to change.
- Petitioner has not signed the Petition.

AT TIME OF HEARING:

- Failure to provide Criminal Background Check.
- Failure to meet requirement to publish notice of name change in a local newspaper.

<u>CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK</u>: Every person 22 years of age or older who is requesting a name change must have a criminal background check.

When: Immediately after filing your petition with the court to avoid delaying your
hearing. The reason the case is filed with the court first is because you must give the case
number assigned to your case by this court when you fill out your fingerprint card.
Where: Make an appointment to be fingerprinted with a local police agency. The cost to
get fingerprinted varies between local agencies in the County.
How: Mail your fingerprint cards, a copy of your Petition to Change Name, and a check
or money order made out to "State of Michigan" for \$43.25 (per person) to:
Michigan State Police Department, CJIC, P.O. Box 30266, Lansing, MI 48909
What Next? When the MSP have completed a search of state police records and have
gotten information requested from the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the MSP will
mail your completed background check directly to the court. This usually takes 3-5
weeks. The /court will not schedule your hearing for your name change until after
we receive the report from the Michigan State Police!!

<u>PUBLICATION</u>: All notices of name change hearings must be published in a local newspaper. This gives people your name change may affect (like your creditors) a chance to object.

When the court gets your criminal background report from the Michigan State Police, it will schedule a hearing. When your hearing is scheduled, the Court will mail you a "Publication of Notice of Hearing" for Name Change form with the date and time of the Court has scheduled for your hearing.

You must contact a local newspaper immediately to ask them to publish your notice. The cost will vary depending on the newspaper. Two local options in Calhoun County are:

- Battle Creek Shopper News: Attention J-Ad Graphics, Fax (269)968-8586, or email to erin@j-adgraphics.com. Cost is \$60.10.
- Battle Creek Enquirer: Attn: Legals/Kelly, P.O. Box 787, Neptune, NJ 07753. Cost is \$63.50.

The newspaper must complete the details of the Affidavit of Publication that must list the qualifications of newspaper and the dates the notice was published. The publication must say: "The result of the hearing may be to bar or affect any interested persons interest in the above matter." Some newspapers have a standard affidavit form they use. If the newspaper publishing your notice does not, you may download an Affidavit of Publication Form at https://www.michigan.gov/documents/272f 2986 7.pdf

After the newspaper publishes the notice of hearing, they will provide you with a copy of the published notice and Affidavit of Publication. YOU MUST SUBMIT THOSE TO THE COURT (THE NEWSPAPER WILL NOT DO IT FOR YOU)!

The judge will <u>NOT</u> hold a hearing on your petition without receiving the required Affidavit of Publication and a copy of the published notice!

The Notice of Hearing must be published at least 14 days prior to the hearing.

The Affidavit of Publication must be filed with the court at least seven days prior to your hearing date, or you risk your petition being dismissed and having to start over!

HEARING: On the day of your hearing, bring any documents that are related to your name change. It is always a good idea to have two copies of the documents, so you can give the judge one.

If your petition is approved, the judge will complete and sign the order. If you want a certified copy of the order, it costs another \$10.

<u>AMENDED BIRTH CERTIFICATE:</u> If you were born in Michigan, to obtain a copy of a new birth certificate, you will need to submit a certified copy of your court order, an

application form, and a fee to: State of Michigan, Department of Public Health, 3423 N. Logan Street, PO Box 30195, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

The Application to Correct or Change a Michigan Birth Record form is in this packet or may be downloaded at: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/over6 6643 7.pdf

If you were not born in Michigan, you will have to contact the office responsible for vital records in the State in which you were born.

GENDER IDENTIFIERS: The Court cannot change your Gender Identifier, however, per Michigan Vital Records, upon completion of a name change hearing, when the parties file an Application to Correct or Change a Michigan Birth Record form, an individual can change their gender identity if they also attach a medical affidavit from the doctor that performed the gender reassignment surgery. If you have further questions, please contact Vital Records at 517-335-8666.

To change the gender marker on your Michigan ID or driver's license, complete the Michigan Secretary of State Sex Designation Form, which can be downloaded at: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/Gender_Change_form_Fillable_671603_7.pdf This form does not require any medical treatment or surgical history in order to change your gender marker. When you sign the form, you are swearing the reason you want to change the gender marker is so that your ID can accurately reflect your identity.

STATE OF MICHIGAN			CASE NO. and JUDGE
37th JUDICIAL DISTRICT	10/A P		
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			(269) 969-6518
Plaintiff/Petitioner's name, address, and teleph	none no,	Defendant/Respond	ent's name, address, and telephone no.
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Plaintiff/Petitioner's attorney, bar no., address,	and telephone no.	Defendant/Responde	ent's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.
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☐ Women, Infants, and Childre☐ Supplemental Security Incom		al government (CCI)	
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of my information, knowledge, and be		,	
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Approved, SCAO		Distribute form to:	

Form MC 20, Rev. 9/23 MCR 2.002 Page 1 of 2

Court
Applicant
Other parties
Friend of the court (when applicable)

Fee Waiver Request (9/23)	Case No
Page 2 of 2	
1. Payment of filing fees is waived.	CLERK WAIVER
	Signature of court clerk and date
IT IS ORDERED: 1. Payment of filing fees is waived because: a. Your gross household income is under b. Your gross household income is above the fees would constitute a financial hacc. Other:	e 125% of the federal poverty guidelines, but payment of
☐ 2. The fee waiver request is denied because:	ais case is resolved, you must notify the court. 125% of the federal poverty guidelines and payment of hardship for you.
	Judge/Magistrate (when authorized) signature and date
	NOTICE your case and preserve your filing date, you have 14 days from the issue w. To request a review, fill out a Request for Review of Denied Fee Waiver
	Issue date (completed by clerk)

37th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION COUNTY

PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

CASE NO. and JUDGE

Court address

161 E Michigan Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49014

A. You must complete form *PC 51* or *PC 51c* to begin a name change proceeding. Use this form (*PC 51*) unless you have good cause not to publish

- A. You must complete form PC 51 or PC 51c to begin a name change proceeding. Use this form (PC 51) unless you have good cause not to publish notice of your name change proceeding, such as you believe publication of the notice of hearing will put you or another individual in danger of physical harm, or at risk of unlawful retaliation or discrimination. If you have good cause, use form PC 51c, Petition for Name Change and Ex Parte Request for Nonpublication and Confidential Record to ask the court for permission not to publish a notice about the name change and to keep the record confidential.
- B. Unless you have received permission not to publish, the law requires that notice of hearing about the petition be published in a newspaper. You must file a completed *PC 50, Publication of Notice of Hearing Regarding Petition for Name Change*, with the court. Contact the court clerk for information about when PC 50 must be submitted.
- C. Every person 22 years of age or older who is requesting a name change must have a criminal background check. For details, go to michiganlegalhelp.org.

In the matter of	
Current first, middle, and last name(s) (type or print)	
Petitioner's name, address, and telephone no.	Petitioner's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.
\square 1. An action within the jurisdiction of the family division	of circuit court involving the family or family members of
person(s) named above has/have been previously fil	led in Court,
Case Number was assigned	to Judge,
and ☐ remains ☐ is no longer pending.	1 do dudge
 2. The name change is for a. a married person who wishes to also include a na spouse. minor child(ren), of whom the petitioner has leg form PC 51b.) b. an adult. c. a minor, whose natural or adopted parents are Par 	gal custody. (For a minor 14 years or older, written consent is required. See
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Both parents are deceased. The guardian is (Attach letters of guardianship.)	me ·
3. The name change is for the following reason:	
4. The name change is not sought for any fraudulent inter	nt.
5. The following person(s) seeking a name change has/ha	ave a criminal record:
6. Each person for whom a name change is sought has be	een a resident of the county for at least one year.

Petition for Name Change (7/23) Page 2 of 3 Case No						
Note: Skip item 7 if the noncustodial parent consents to the name change or if there is not a noncustodial parent. 7. I have legal custody of the minor.						
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Petitioner's signature

Petitioner's attorney signature

Date

Petition for Name Change (7/23) Page 3 of 3	Case No.
SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN FOR MINOR	
Date	Date
Signature	Signature
Name (type or print)	Name (type or print)
Address	Address
City, state, zip Teleph	one no. City, state, zip Telephone no
CONSENT BY SPOUSE OF PETITIONER If the petition	on is filed for a spouse, this consent must be signed by the spouse of the petitione
I am the spouse of the petitioner and consent to the gra	inting of this petition to change my name.
Date	
Signature	Attorney signature
Name (type or print)	Attorney name (type or print) Bar no

Telephone no.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

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37th Calhoun	JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY	PROTECTED PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION	
Court address	3		Court telephone no.
161 E Mich	igan Ave, Battle Creek, MI 4901	4	(269) 969-6518
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This form is nonpublic because it contains personal identifying information (PII) that is protected from public inspection under MCR 1.109(D)(9)(a). Use this form to provide PII only for a person who is a NOT a defendant, respondent, or decedent. If the person is a defendant, respondent, or decedent use form MC 97.

Instructions:

- When PII (such as date of birth) must be filed with the court on a public document, DO NOT include it on that public document. Instead, you must provide it on this form.
- Provide only the protected PII required for your particular case. For example, if you are filing a public document that requires you to provide a date of birth to the court, complete only that field on this form.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN 37th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF

CASE NO. and JUDGE

Calhoun	COUNTY	HEARING REGARDING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE	
Court address	, Battle Creek, MI 490	014	Court telephone no.
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PROOF OF PUBLICATION AFFIDAVIT

INSTRUCTIONS:

PUBLISHER: Prepare in triplicate. Send all affidavits, with a copy of the final publication attached, to to the County Clerk

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State of Michigan)	
County of) ss	
On the day of	_ 20, the foregoing instrument was acknowledged
before me by	
	Notary Public
	My Commission expires

Approved, SCAO JIS CODE: PSV FILE NO. STATE OF MICHIGAN **PROBATE COURT** PROOF OF SERVICE COUNTY OF CALHOUN In the matter of _ Titles of the papers served or mailed: ____ 2. According to court rule, I served by first-class mail registered mail (copy of return receipt attached) certified mail (copy of return receipt attached) the papers described above on: Name Complete address of service Date \square 3. According to court rule, I served by **personal service** the papers described above on: Name Complete address of service Date and Time 4. After diligent search and inquiry, I have been unable to find and serve the following interested persons. I have served these persons by publication. Attached are copies of form PC 617. I declare under the penalties of perjury that this proof of service has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief. Service fee Miles traveled Fee Date \$ Incorrect address fee Miles traveled Fee **TOTAL FEE** Signature \$ Name (type or print) USE NOTE: If this form is being filed in the circuit court family division, please enter the court name and county in the upper left-hand corner of the form. Do not write below this line - For court use only

Mail Application and Fee to: Vital Records Changes P.O. Box 30721 Lansing, MI 48909 Michigan Department of Health and Human Services www.michigan.gov/vitalrecords

APPLICATION TO CORRECT OR CHANGE A MICHIGAN BIRTH RECORD If any information is unknown, please indicate "unknown". Incomplete applications will be returned. PART 1 - APPLICANT INFORMATION Must be 18 years old or older Copy of valid Identification required Name: (First) (Middle) (Last) Address: City/State: Zip: Phone: E-mail: PART 2 - ELIGIBILITY ☐ Self (Correcting my own record) Legal guardian of the person named on the record Parent named on the record Legally licensed representative of the person named on the record PART 3 - TYPE OF CHANGE OR CORRECTION REQUESTED Correct/Change birth record for adult Court ordered legal name change. (Court order required) Correct/Change birth record for minor Remove a person who is not the biological parent (Court order required) Name change for parents who have married after the birth (Marriage record required) PART 4 - CHILD'S INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE CURRENT BIRTH CERTIFICATE Full Name on Birth Certificate: Date of Birth: Other Names Used: Adoption Legal Name Change (First) (Middle) (Last) Place of Birth: Gender: Male Female $\Box x$ (City and County) PART 5 - PARENTS' INFORMATION ON CHILD'S CURRENT BIRTH CERTIFICATE Mother/Parent Full Name at Birth: Date of Birth: Father/Parent Full Name at Birth: Date of Birth: PART 6 - CHANGES REQUESTED: Incorrect item as it currently appears on the record Information as you would like it to appear on the record 1. 1. 2. 2. 3. 3. PART 7 - SIGNATURE(S) REQUIRED TO PROCESS APPLICATION If correcting a child's name all parents listed on record must sign. If the child is over the age of 15 and the name change is not court ordered, we also require the child's signature. Signature of Person Requesting Change: Date: Other Signature: Date:

PAYMENT Check or Money Ord	er made out to the "State of Michigan"	Application Fee is Non-Refundable
Application Fee:	\$50.00 (includes one copy)	\$50.00
Additional Certified Copies:	\$16.00 each	\$
RUSH Processing Fee	\$25.00	\$
TOTAL ENCLOSED:		\$

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Original documents will not be returned to you

Changes or corrections to birth records that can be made by this office are limited by law and are subject to very specific supporting documentation.

- In general, we require at least two (2) dated documents proving the correct information. Documents typically need to be at least five years old or older. Some changes require documents dated close to the time of birth.
- If you are changing the name on a birth certificate for a person over the age of one (1) and do not have documents to prove you have always used that name, you will have to petition the court in your county for a legal name change order and submit a copy of the court order to our office.
- To correct a parent's information on a birth certificate we generally need a copy of the parent's birth certificate, marriage license or two documents dated five (5) years old or older showing the correct information.

For more information on documents needed, visit our FAQs on our website at www.michigan.gov/vitalrecords You can also call our Changes Unit at **517-335-8660** or email MDHHS-VR-Changes@Michigan.gov.

ELIGIBILITY

Must be at least 18 years old or legally emancipated. Legal guardians must include a copy of the court guardianship documents. Legally licensed representatives must provide documentation on official letterhead documenting that he/she represents the person named on the record and provide their state bar license number, along with client's identification.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

Original documents will not be returned to you

To change a Michigan birth record, a copy of a current valid, government-issued identification is required to establish eligibility.

If you are correcting a child's name, we require identification for all parents listed on the record. If a child's name change is court ordered, we only require identification for one parent.

Please send a copy of one of the following unexpired identifications:

- ✓ U.S. or U.S. Territories Driver's License or Identification Card
- ✓ U.S. or Foreign Passport
- ✓ U.S. Passport Card
- ✓ U.S. Military Identification Card with both picture and signature
- ✓ Other U.S. or U.S. Territories issued document that meets the following criteria: Document must be unexpired. Document must contain a photograph and at least the following information: name, date of birth, date of expiration, signature, and address.

If you do not have identification as listed above, we will accept other documents to prove your identity. For a list of alternative documents please visit our website at www.michigan.gov/vitalrecords or call our office at 517-335-8666.

PROCESSING TIME

Prepaid self-addressed envelopes will NOT be used by our office

Normal processing time to correct or change a Michigan birth certificate is 5-6 weeks if all required documents are received. If we must contact you for additional documentation, the processing time starts when we receive everything needed. If you pay for RUSH service, processing time is 2-3 weeks from when everything is received. Processing time is not guaranteed. There could be situations out of our control that cause processing times to be longer.

Note: Applications sent to the Vital Records post office box with an overnight delivery are not received in the Vital Records office for three (3) days.

PENALTIES

Any person who willfully and knowingly makes false application to change a Michigan birth record may be fined and/or imprisoned pursuant to MCL 333,2894(1)(b) and (c)

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) does not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, religion, age, national origin, color, height, weight, marital status, genetic information, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, political beliefs, or disability.

DCH-0847-CHGBX Rev 05-2023 MCL 333.2871(1) and 333.2891(3,10,11 and 13)



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COL. JOSEPH M. GASPER DIRECTOR

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK FOR LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Effective: January 2019

- 1. Make a formal application with the court for a legal name Change.
- 2. Set up an appointment with your local Michigan law enforcement agency to be fingerprinted on a Michigan Applicant fingerprint card (Ri-008), or FBI fingerprint card. We only need one fingerprint card per person.
- 3. Complete the information on both sides of the card if two-sided.

 Fingerprint Reason should be: NAME CHANGE. Include your phone number and email address on the card or a note.

Mail the following (No walk-in traffic is allowed) to the address below:

- o The Fingerprint Card DO NOT FOLD
- o A copy of the Petition to Change Name with court file Number on it
- A check or money order payable to the <u>STATE OF MICHIGAN</u> for \$43.25 (per person)

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