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In the Supreme Court of Iowa

**In the Matter of Court Forms
for Adult and Minor Child
Petitions for Change of Name**

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Supervisory Order

The court has approved amendments to the Petition for Change of Name (Adult) form provided on the Iowa Judicial Branch website, located in the Civil Law section of the Representing Yourself page of the website. The court has also approved a new Petition for Change of Name of Minor Child form that will be available from the same website page. Both forms are available for counties using the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) and for non-EDMS counties. The forms are provided on the Iowa Judicial Branch website in a fillable and savable format.

The amendments to the adult change of name form include the addition of space for explanation for the unavailability of a certified copy of petitioner's birth certificate and a new paragraph 10 instructing petitioners that in such cases an alternative form of identification must be attached in lieu of the certified copy of the birth certificate. Iowa Code section 674.2(7). The amended form also replaces the notary seal signature block with a personal verification form consistent with the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 674. Other changes involve reformatting the spacing for providing certain information chapter 674 requires, including legal description of real property owned in Iowa and the list of petitioner's residential addresses for the past five years.

The new Petition for Change of Name of Minor Child distinguishes the requirements for a petition for a child over and a child under the age of fourteen years, including the requirement of written consent from a child over fourteen, the consent requirements from parents of children under fourteen,

and the circumstances under which the court may waive the consent of one parent.

The amended adult change of name forms and the new change of name forms for minor children are effective immediately. The new forms are attached to this order.

Dated this 14 day of February, 2013.

The Supreme Court of Iowa

By Mark S. Cady
Mark S. Cady, Chief Justice

6. Petitioner is (check one): unmarried or married. (If married, petitioner must give legal notice to the spouse of the filing of this petition.)

7. Petitioner desires a name change for the following reasons:

8. Petitioner has not previously requested a name change pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 674.

9. Check either A or B:

A. A certified copy of petitioner's birth certificate is attached to this petition. Or,

B. A certified copy of petitioner's birth certificate is not available because (state reasons birth certificate is not available):

10. If petitioner's birth certificate is not available, petitioner must attach another form of identification in place of the certified copy of the birth certificate. Such other form of identification may include documents provided by the United States department of immigration and naturalization service.

11. Petitioner requests the court to enter an order changing petitioner's name:

From (present full name) _____

To (requested new name) _____

I certify under penalty of perjury and pursuant to the laws of the State of Iowa that the preceding is true and correct.

Petitioner's signature

Date

In the Iowa District Court for _____ County

In re the Name Change of:

 A minor child

**Petition for Change of Name
of Minor Child**

No. _____

If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, call the disability coordinator at _____. Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (1-800-735-2942). **Disability coordinators cannot provide legal advice.**

I (We), _____, as parent(s) of _____, a minor child, for this Petition for Change of Name of Minor Child under Iowa Code chapter 674, state:

1. Check either A., B., or C:

- A. I am the sole parent qualified to act on behalf of the minor child and that parental rights of the other parent have been terminated or there is no other legally established parent;
- B. The other parent has not consented to the minor child's change of name; or,
- C. We (both parents) consent to the minor child's change of name.

2. The minor child's present full name is _____, and the minor child resides in _____ County, Iowa.

3. The minor child's date of birth is _____ (month, day, year), and the minor child is therefore (check either A. or B.):

- A. Under fourteen (14) years of age and (check only one of the following):
 - 1. Both parents, as listed on the minor child's birth certificate, consent to the minor child's change of name upon verifying and filing this petition;
 - 2. I will serve notice of hearing to the non-consenting parent pursuant to the Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure;
 - 3. I will provide adequate proof that the non-consenting parent has abandoned the minor child;
 - 4. I will provide adequate proof that the non-consenting parent has been ordered to contribute to the support of the child or to financially aid in the child's birth and has failed to do so without good cause; or
 - 5. I will provide adequate proof that the non-consenting parent does not object to the name change after having been given due and proper notice.
- B. Fourteen (14) years of age or older and a written consent of the child is attached to this petition.

4. The minor child is ____ feet, ____ inches tall; weighs ____ lbs.; has ____ color hair; and ____ color eyes.

5. The minor child is a ____ (race) ____ (female/male) who was born in ____ (place of birth).

6. Petitioner(s) currently reside(s) at _____, and the minor child currently resides at _____.

7. Petitioner(s) and the minor child has (have) also resided at the following prior addresses during the past five years:

Petitioner(s)	Minor child
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

8. I (We) request a change of name for the minor child for the following reasons:

9. A change of name for the minor child has not been previously requested pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 674.

10. Check either A or B:

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12. I (We) request the court to enter an order changing the minor child's name:

From (child's present full name) _____

To (child's requested new name) _____

I (We) certify under penalty of perjury and pursuant to the laws of the State of Iowa that the preceding is true and correct.

Signature of parent

Date

Signature of parent

Date

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I certify under penalty of perjury and pursuant to the laws of the State of Iowa that the preceding is true and correct.

Date: _____

Telephone number

Email address

Signature of Petitioner

/s/ _____
Printed name

Mailing address

In the Iowa District Court for _____ County

**Petition for Change of Name
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Date: _____

Date: _____

Signature of parent

Signature of Parent

/s/ _____
Printed name

/s/ _____
Printed name

Mailing Address

Mailing Address

Email Address

Email Address