NAME CHANGE MINOR

(Both parents agree)

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NAME CHANGE MINOR (Both Parents Agree) PACKET NM-1

Use this packet only if the following statements are true:

- You are the parent of the minor child.
 - You and the other parent both agree to the minor name change and are willing to sign the documents together.
- You wish to legally change the minor child's name.
 - The minor child is a resident of Washoe County.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORMS

Carefully read all instructions before starting to fill out any of the forms. Use **black or blue ink only**. Neatly print or type the information requested. Do not use correction fluid/tape on the forms.

This packet contains the following forms:

- 1. EFile User Agreement (Standard) x 2
- 2. Petition for Minor Name Change
- 3. Request for Submission
- 4. Order Changing Name

If the child is 14 years old or older, the minor will need to fill out a **NM-3 Minor's Consent to Name Change.**

ATTENTION:

If you have a divorce, legal separation, domestic partnership dissolution, custody & visitation, termination of parental rights, or an emancipation case you may file this petition in that case.

The penalty for willfully making a false statement under penalty of perjury is a minimum of 1 year, and a maximum of 4 years in prison, in addition to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00. N.R.S. §199.145.

INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 1

If both parents already have an eFlex account for a different case, you do not need to create another account and can skip this step.

eFlex Account and eFile User Agreement:

To file your documents, both parents will need to sign up for an eFlex account and have a valid email address. There is no fee to sign up for a standard eFlex account.

To sign up each parent will need to:

 Carefully read and complete the eFile User Agreement (Standard) by filling in as much information as possible, signing, and dating page two;
Return the eFile User Agreement (Standard) to the Second Judicial District Court, or email it to <u>eflexsupport@washoecourts.us</u>; and
Request an account at <u>https://wceflex.washoecourts.com/</u>.



If either parent needs further assistance signing up for an account, please call the Resource Center at 775-325-6731.

INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 2

Complete the Petition for Minor Name Change as Shown:

If the child is 14 years old or older, the minor will need to fill out a **Consent to Name Change.**



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INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 3

Only one parent needs to fill out this form.

Complete the Request for Submission as Shown:

You will attach the Order to the Request for Submission using the Index of Exhibits and Exhibit Cover Page. When you upload your documents to eFlex you will upload the Request for Submission and the Index of Exhibits as one PDF.



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INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 4

Prepare the Order Changing Name as Shown:

You will attach the Order to the Request for Submission using the Index of Exhibits and Exhibit Cover Page. When you upload your documents to eFlex you will upload the Exhibit Cover Page and Order Changing Name as one PDF.



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INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 5

Electronically Filing the Documents

One parent will need to upload the original documents to eFlex. EFlex is available online at <u>https://wceflex.washoecourts.com/</u>, in the Law Library and the Resource Center.

If you have not done so, you will need to sign up for an eFlex account and turn in the EFile User Agreement (*see INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 1*), to the Second Judicial District Court or email to <u>eflexsupport@washoecourts.us</u>.

Sign into your eFlex account using the username and password you created and electronically upload each of the following documents separately:

- Petition for Minor Name Change;
- Request for Submission and Second Exhibit Index; and
- Exhibit Cover Page and Order Changing Name (as an exhibit **continuation to the Request for Submission).

Make sure to keep the original documents you file for your personal records. Filestamped copies of your documents are available through your eFlex account.

Scanners are available at the Law Library and the Resource Center.

There may be a filing fee charged when documents are filed. Fee information is available at the Resource Center and online at: <u>www.washoecourts.com</u>.

FILING FEE WAIVERS

If you cannot afford the fee, you may apply to have it waived. To apply, you must fill out and file the **F-6JP Joint Application to Waive Fees and Costs**, which you can get at:

- Resource Center, 1 South Sierra Street, Reno, NV, Third Floor
- Law Library, 75 Court Street, Reno, NV, First Floor
- Online at: <u>www.washoecourts.com</u> (select the "Forms and Packets" tab on the right-hand side of the home screen)

What Happens Now?

After you have completed all the forms and submitted them to the Court, you must wait for the Judge to make a decision. This could take up to 60 days.

If the Judge denies the name change, you will receive an order indicating such.

All orders can be reviewed and printed from your eFlex account. Certified copies are available at the Resource Center.

Common Misconceptions About A Name Change

Even with the Order, the Bureau of Vital Statistics will not automatically issue a new birth certificate. It is up to you to find out what the Bureau of Vital Statistics in the State in which the child's certificate was issued needs in order to reissue a certificate. Usually they will require a certified copy of the Order Changing Name.

It is possible that the child's original name will not be removed from their birth certificate. The certificate may still show their original name with "formally known as" written on the certificate with the new name typed above the old name.

Legal Assistance Information

The information in this packet is provided as a courtesy only. This packet is not a substitute for the advice of an attorney. Counsel is always recommended for legal matters.

If you do not have an attorney, you are encouraged to seek the advice of a licensed attorney or contact the Resource Center or the Law Library. **The Resource Center and the Law Library staff cannot give legal advice** but can give information regarding court procedures.

You may wish to speak with a lawyer at no cost through the Law Library's Lawyer in the Library program. The Lawyer in the Library program is held via Zoom; you must register ahead of time to participate. No walk-ins accepted as space is limited.

LAWYER IN THE LIBRARY

Sign up on our website: <u>https://www.washoecourts.com/LawLibrary/LawyerInLibrary</u> For questions, contact the Law Library at 775-328-3250

To seek assistance from other free or reduced-cost legal resources in the area, please contact:

NEVADA LEGAL SERVICES

449 S. Virginia St. Reno, NV 89501 775-284-3491 – leave a message, if necessary https://nevadalegalservices.org

NORTHERN NEVADA LEGAL AID

1 S. Sierra St., 1st Floor Reno, NV 89501 775-321-2062 – leave a message, if necessary <u>https://nnlegalaid.org</u>

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