INFORMATION FOR MINOR CHILD NAME CHANGE IN ROBERTSON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT

In accordance with T.C.A.§ 29-8-102, you must be a resident of Robertson County, Tennessee to petition for a name change in Robertson County Chancery Court.

A form for a minor child's name change is available in the Office of the Clerk and Master, or may be downloaded from Robertson County, TN (robertsoncountytn.gov); however, the clerks cannot give you legal advice nor complete your forms. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities.

Chancery Court requires the Petition and Order to be filed, along with

1. A copy of your child's birth certificate
2. A photo ID of both the parents/guardians.

Once you have completed the Petition for Name Change and Notice of Hearing, please bring all documents to the Clerk and Master's Office. The filing fee is $204.50. We accept cash, cashier's check, money order, and debit and credit cards. When using a debit or card, there is an additional 3.00% service fee.

After the Chancellor has signed the attached Order for name change, two (2) certified copy are provided to you. Any additional certified copies will be $5.50 per Order. Please let us know how many certifications you will require when you turn in your forms, and you can pay for them at that time. Additional certified copies may also be obtained later at your request.

The information provided by the Clerk and Master's Office including the forms of a petition and an Order is a general guide and not intended to cover every possible name change scenario. The granting of a name change, including what documents are sufficient, is a decision made by the Chancellor. The Clerk and Master's Office is prohibited from providing legal advice other than advice to seek the assistance of an attorney.

If you have any other questions related to changing your minor child's name, please call the Clerk and Master's Office at 615-384-5650.

THE CHANCERY COURT FOR ROBERTSON COUNTY TENNESSEE,
AT SPRINGFIELD

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
	)	
_____	)	**DOCKET NO: 741CH1-20___-CV-_____**
(Minor Child)	)	
	)	
_____	)	
	)	
_____	)	
Petitioner(s)		

PETITION FOR MINOR'S NAME CHANGE PURSUANT TO T.C.A. § 29-8-102

COMES NOW, the Petitioner(s), on behalf of the minor child, as the biological/adoptive parent(s) or legal guardian(s), and respectfully petitions this Honorable Court to request a change of name for the *minor child*, and/or to correct the errors on the minor child's birth certificate. Upon sworn affirmation and/or oath, the Petitioner(s) respectfully submit to the Court the following:

1. The Petitioner's name is _____.

   I am the biological father/mother or legal guardian of the child whose name is to be changed. I was born on _____ (Birth Date) in _____ (City), which is within _____ County, _____ (State).

2. The Petitioner's name is _____.

   I am the biological father/mother or legal guardian of the child whose name is to be changed. I was born on _____ (Birth Date) in _____ (City), which is within _____ County, _____ (State).

3. ☐ The Petitioners herein were married on _____ (Date) in _____ (City), _____ (State).

   OR

   ☐ The Petitioner(s) herein is/are not married.

4. The Petitioner(s) herein make oath and/or affirm that he/she/they are resident's of Robertson County, Tennessee and reside at _____

   _____

5. The Petitioner's herein make oath and/or affirm that the minor child's current legal name is:_____,

   as reflected on the minor child's birth certificate, and is a resident of Robertson County, Tennessee, residing at: _____

   _____

6. The minor child is less than (18) years of age.
7. The minor child was born on _____ (Birth Date) in _____ (City), which is within _____ (County), _____ (State).
8. All other names and aliases by which the minor child has been identified since birth are (state in chronological order and attach a copy of a court order or other document for all legal name changes): _____

   _____

   _____

9. The Petitioner(s), on behalf of the minor child, are requesting that the minor child's name be changed to: _____.

10. Has the minor child ever been convicted of a felony? ☐ **YES or** ☐ **NO**.

    If yes, please explain the type of felony, the case number, and where the offense was adjudicated:

    _____

    _____

11. Has the minor child ever been convicted of First or Second Degree Murder and/or any offense requiring registration pursuant to the "Sexual Offender Registration and Monitoring Act" found in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 39?

    ☐ **YES or** ☐ **NO**

12. The Petitioner(s) herein is/are requesting to change the minor child's name for the following reason(s):

    _____

    _____

13. In support of this Petition, the Petitioner(s) have attached copies of:

    ☐ A copy of the minor child's birth certificate showing the names of both parents or an Order of Paternity/Legitimation. (***required***)

    ☐ Photo Identification (driver's license, passport, or comparable photo identification) of both parents/guardians and of the minor child, if available. (***required***)

Furthermore, I swear or affirm that I am not seeking to request such a name change to avoid or evade any debts or obligations nor is this name change requested for any illegal purpose. All information provided herein is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, PETITIONER PRAYS:

That this Court enter a Final Decree changing the name of the minor child to _____ and granting any other relief to which the Petitioner may be entitled.

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF _____
Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

_____
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: _____

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF _____
Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

_____
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: _____

Petitioner: _____

Print Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Petitioner: _____))_____

Print Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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ORDER FOR MINOR CHILD'S NAME CHANGE

This cause came to be heard on this ____ day of _____, 20____ upon the sworn Petition for a Minor Child's Name Change, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated §29-8-102, filed by the Petitioner(s), on behalf of _____, the *Minor Child*. Wherefore, in consideration of the the entire record in this cause, the Court finds that:

1. The Petitioner(s) are the biological/adoptive parents or the legal guardians of the *Minor Child*.
2. The *Minor Child* is less than (18) years of age and is presently a resident of Robertson County, Tennessee.
3. The *Minor Child* has not been convicted of any felony offense that would preclude said child from lawfully requesting for a name change pursuant with Tennessee Code Annotated §29-8-102.
4. The Court finds that the request for Minor Child's name change is not in bad faith, nor intended to defraud and/or mislead, cause injury to any individual, or compromise public safety.
5. The Court finds that Petitioner(s) have established good and sufficient cause to change the name of the Minor Child to: _____.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, that the Petitioner's request for minor's name change is hereby granted and that said name is now the official name of the Minor Child and is designated hereafter, for all legal purposes. As such, a copy of this Order may be furnished to the appropriate State and County agencies to effectuate the purpose of this Order for Name Change.

ENTERED this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

_____
Chancellor/Judge

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NOTICE OF HEARING

The herein matter is scheduled to be heard for Final Hearing on the _____ day of _____, 20____ at _____ AM/PM in the Chancery Court for Robertson County, Tennessee located at 422 West Court Square, Springfield, Tennessee 37172.

Respectfully Submitted:

_____
Petitioner

_____
Petitioner

<u>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</u>

I hereby certify that the _____ day of _____, 20_____ a true and exact copy of the foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to:

_____
_____

_____
Petitioner(s)