



Snohomish County District Court

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CHANGE OF NAME - INFORMATION

A change of name is permitted by RCW 4.24.130. The granting of a change of name is within the discretion of the Judicial Officer. A change of name petition in Snohomish County District Court is subject to the requirements set forth below.

1. Residency. You must be a current resident of Snohomish County.
2. Identification. You must present valid photo identification at the time of application. Acceptable forms of identification include a Washington State Driver's License, Washington State ID Card, US Passport or US Military ID. Other forms of valid photo identification may be accepted at the discretion of a Judicial Officer.
3. Petition. You must complete the Petition for Change of Name.
4. Minors. A Petition for Change of Name for a Minor Child is subject to additional requirements.

(a) Parental Consent. A minor child must be represented by a parent or legal guardian. Both biological or legal parents or guardian must approve the change of name either by personal appearance at the time of the hearing or by verified affidavit. In the absence of consent from one of the biological or legal parents, the court may grant the petition if such action would be in the best interests of the child and the non-consenting parent has received notice of the hearing on the petition.

(b) Notice of Hearing. A parent or guardian who has not consented in writing to a minor's change of name must be given actual notice or notice by publication as provided in CRLJ 4. Petitioner shall file proof of service of the Petition and hearing date on other parties at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing. The notice requirement may be waived by a Judicial Officer upon a finding of good cause.

(c) Notice by Publication. The petitioner may move the Court for an order authorizing notice to a parent by publication. The petitioner must certify under penalty of perjury that the whereabouts of the other parent are unknown. If authorized by the Court, publication of a single notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of the non-consenting parent's last known residence shall be sufficient so long as the notice contains a hearing date, the name of the minor, the name the petitioner desires the child to assume, and sets forth the reasons for requesting the change of name.

(d) Scheduling of Hearing. If both parents appear at the name change hearing, or an affidavit of consent to the name change from the absent parent is filed, the matter may be heard the next judicial day following the filing of the petition. In all other cases, a hearing date will be scheduled to facilitate notice. If the non-petitioning parent is a resident of the State of Washington, the hearing will be scheduled not less than 14 days from the filing of the petition. If the non-petitioning parent is not a resident of the State of Washington, the hearing will be scheduled not less than 60 days from the filing of the petition.

(e) The petitioner must provide the court a certified copy of the minor's birth certificate that can be verified and copied by the court.

5. <u>Fees:</u>	Filing	\$ 53.00	Petitioners paying with a check will be placed on a court calendar not less than 21 days from the filing of the petition.
	Administrative	\$ 5.50	
	Auditor Recording Fee	<u>\$203.50</u>	
	Total	\$262.00	

As part of the filing fee, you will be provided three (3) certified copies of the Name Change Order. Each additional copy is \$5.00. Any individual, on the basis of indigent status as defined by GR 34, may seek a waiver of filing fees or surcharges by filing a motion and financial declaration pursuant to GR 34. Those forms are available at each division.