

**SUPERIOR COURT OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN RE:

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A Minor

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CASE NO. _____

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF A MINOR CHILD

NOW COMES _____, Petitioner and custodian and next friend of _____, the above-named minor, and files this Petition for Name Change, and by and in support thereof, shows the Court the following:

1.

Petitioner is the mother of the above-named minor child.

2.

Said child was born out of wedlock on _____ (d/o/b), to the Petitioner and one _____. Nonetheless, the child's name as appears on his birth certificate bears the surname of the natural father named herein.

3.

Petitioner shows that the biological father of said child, who is a resident of the State of Georgia, has never sought to legitimate the child, and, as such, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 19-7-25, may exercise no parental power of the child.

4.

Petitioner has no plan to reunite with the biological father of said child.

5.

Petitioner desires to change the name of the child to _____
_____.

6.

The reason such a name change is requested is so that mother and child may share the same surname.

7.

The Petition is not submitted with the intention of defrauding another of any rights.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that the name of the minor child herein be changed from _____ to _____.

Respectfully submitted, this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Mother of _____
Pro se

_____ GA _____

Phone _____

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY
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_____,)
) CIVIL ACTION # _____
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VERIFICATION

Personally appeared _____, who after being duly sworn states that the facts alleged in the foregoing Petition for Name Change are true And correct.

This _____ day of _____, 20__.

Plaintiff

Sworn and Subscribed before me
This ___ day of _____
20__.

Notary Public

(Notary Seal)

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that _____, the undersigned filed a Petition in the Superior Court of Effingham County, Georgia on the _____ day of _____, 20____, praying for a change in the minor child's name from _____ to _____. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within thirty (30) days of the filing of said Petition.

This _____ day of _____, 20____.

Clerk/Deputy Clerk
Effingham County Superior Court

SUPERIOR COURT OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY

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CASE NO. _____

SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

You are hereby summoned and required to file with the Clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff's attorney whose name and address is:

_____, GA _____

An answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within thirty (30) days after service of summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This _____ day of _____, 20__.

Elizabeth Z. Hursey
Clerk of Superior Court
Effingham County, Georgia

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

Petitioner: _____)
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Child: _____) CIVIL ACTION NO. _____
A Minor)

FINAL DECREE OF NAME CHANGE OF MINOR CHILD

The above and foregoing Petition to Change Name coming on to be heard pursuant to law, and it appearing that notice has been published pursuant to law, that no objections have been timely filed, that sufficient grounds exist for the granting of the relief prayer for in said Petition, and that no reason appears showing why said prayers should not be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DECREED

That the name of the minor child shall be changed as follows:

FROM _____ TO _____

The Department of Vital Statistics is hereby ordered and directed to amend and reissue the birth certificate of said petitioner to reflect the change of name to _____

_____.

So ordered this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Judge, Superior Court
Ogeechee Judicial Circuit

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CERTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF NAME

This is to certify that _____ has obtained by Final Order of Change of Name in the Superior Court of Effingham County, Georgia on the ____ day of _____, 20__, as shown by the records of the Court.

The name of _____ has been changed to _____.

Given under the hand and seal of said Court, this the ____ day of _____, 20__.

Clerk/Deputy Clerk, Superior Court
Effingham County, Georgia
Ogeechee Judicial Circuit