

GETTING A COURT ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE ALLEN COUNTY

What to File:

- You will need:
- 1) Completed Application for Change of Name
(Adults: Forms 21.0, 21.1, 21.5)
(Minors: Forms 21.2, 21.3, 21.4, 21.5)
 - 2) Certified copy of birth certificate; and
 - 3) \$140.00 filing fee.

Note: An applicant for change of name must have lived in Allen County for at least one continuous year at the time of the application. The applicant need not present proof of residency. However, the applicant must sign the Application for Change of Name, which includes a statement that the applicant has lived in the county for at least one year immediately prior to filing the application.

Note: The Allen County Probate Court does not grant fee waivers for name changes. Equitas Health and TransOhio are currently working to secure financial assistance for those who need help with fees.

Where to File:

File in person at the Allen County Probate Court, located at 301 N. Main St., 3rd Floor, Lima, OH 45801 (419) 223-8501.

Fees:

\$140.00 filing fee by cash or certified check made payable to Allen County Probate Court.

Tips for Filing:

- Use your full middle name instead of your middle initial.
- Your application may be typed or handwritten in blue or black ink. If handwriting, make sure it is legible.

Publication:

Notice of your name change application must be published one time **at least 30 days before** your hearing in the Lima News. The court will provide you with a form to give to the paper to publish your Application for Change of Name. The cost for publication will range from \$90.00-\$100.00.

Hearing:

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