

## GETTING A COURT ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE CUYAHOGA COUNTY

### What to File:

- You will need:
- 1) Completed Application for Change of Name  
(Adults: Form 21.0, affidavit)  
(Minors: Form 21.2, consent form, affidavit)
  - 2) Certified copy of birth certificate;
  - 3) Driver's license or state ID;
  - 4) Proof of residence (if photo ID does not include current address);
  - 5) \$130.00 filing fee.

Note: An applicant for change of name must have lived in Cuyahoga County for at least one continuous year at the time of the application.

Note: The Cuyahoga 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 online or in person at the Cuyahoga County Probate Court, located at 1 Lakeside Ave. West, Cleveland, OH 44113, (216) 443-8785.

### Fees:

\$130.00 filing fee by cash, credit/debit card (subject to \$4.95 processing fee), or money order made payable to Cuyahoga 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:

The probate court will provide for the required publication of your application for change of name, and this service is included in the \$130.00 filing fee.

### Hearing:

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