

## GETTING A COURT ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE DEFIANCE COUNTY

### What to File:

- You will need:
- 1) Completed Application for Change of Name  
(for adults: Forms 21.0, 21.1, and 21.5)  
(for minors: Forms 21.2, 21.3, 21.4, and 21.5);
  - 2) Certified copy of birth certificate; and
  - 3) \$175.00 filing fee.

Note: An applicant for change of name must have lived in Defiance County for at least a 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 Defiance 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:

You must file in person at the Defiance County Probate Court, located at 221 Clinton St., 3rd Floor, Defiance, OH 43572, (419) 782-4181.

### Fees:

\$175.00 filing fee, payable by cash, card (subject to \$3.95 fee) or check made payable to Defiance County Probate Court.

### Tips for Filing:

- Use your full middle name instead of your middle initial.
- You may either type your application or write using ink. If you are writing, 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 Crescent-News. The court will take care of this requirement on your behalf, and the fee for this service is included in the filing fee.

### Hearing:

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