

GETTING A COURT ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE MAHONING COUNTY

What to File:

- You will need:
- 1) Completed Application for Change of Name (Adults: Forms 21.0, 21.1, and 21.5) (Minors: Forms 21.2, 21.3, 21.4, and 21.5);
 - 2) Certified copy of birth certificate; and
 - 3) \$134.00 Filing fee.

Note: An applicant for change of name must have lived in Mahoning 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 Mahoning 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 Mahoning County Probate Court, located at 120 Market St., Youngstown, OH 44503, (330) 740-2310.

Fees:

\$134.00 filing fee, payable by cash or money order only (money order payable to Mahoning County Probate Court).

Tips for Filing:

- Use your full middle name instead of your middle initial.
- You can either type the application or write using ink.

Publication:

You must publish notice of your name change application one time **at least 30 days before** your hearing in the Daily Legal News. The fee for publication will be about \$20.00. The court will provide you with the necessary documents to bring with you to the newspaper for publication.

Once publication is complete, you must obtain proof of publication from the paper and present this document to the court on or before your hearing. Because of the short time frame, we recommend visiting the paper immediately after filing with the court.

Hearing:

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