

GETTING A COURT ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE VINTON 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;
 - 3) Driver's license or state ID card;
 - 4) BCI background check results (adults); and
 - 5) ~\$200.00 Filing fee.

Note: An applicant for change of name must have lived in Vinton 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 Vinton 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.

Note: Adult applicants must complete a BCI background check through the Vinton County Sheriff's Office, located at 106 S. Market St., McArthur, OH 45651, (740) 596-5242. The results of this background check should be filed with your application for change of name.

Where to File:

File in person at the Vinton County Probate Court, located at 100 E. Main St., McArthur, OH 45651, (740) 596-5480.

Fees:

There is a \$150.00 deposit fee when you file your application for change of name. Additional court costs range from \$30-\$50, which includes the fee for publishing your name change in the Vinton County Courier. You may pay by cash or check made payable to Vinton 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 **at least 30 days before** your hearing in the Vinton County Courier. The court will take care of this requirement for you, and the cost ranges from \$30.00-\$50.00.

Hearing:

Vinton County Probate Court, 100 E. Main St., McArthur, OH 45651, (740) 596-5480.

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