

GETTING A COURT ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE WAYNE 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, 21.4, 21.5, and 18.3.1 (if applicable));
 - 2) Original birth certificate; and
 - 3) \$164.50 filing fee.

Note: An applicant for change of name must have lived in Wayne 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 Wayne 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 Wayne County Probate Court, located at 107 West Liberty St., Wooster, OH 44691, (330) 287-5575.

Fees:

\$164.50 filing fee, payable by cash or certified check made payable to Wayne County Probate Court.

Tips for Filing:

- Use your full middle name instead of your middle initial.
- Either type 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 a newspaper of general circulation in Wayne County. The court will take care of the publication requirement on your behalf, and the fee for this service is included in the application fee.

Hearing:

Wayne County Probate Court, 107 West Liberty St., Wooster, OH 44691, (330) 287-5575.

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