

GETTING A COURT ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE WOOD COUNTY

What to File:

- You will need:
- 1) Completed Application for Change of Name
(Adults: Forms 21.0, 21.1, 21.5, and new case information sheet)
(Minors: Forms 21.2, 21.3, 21.4, 21.5, and new case information sheet);
 - 2) Certified copy of birth certificate; and
 - 3) \$95.00 filing fee.

Note: An applicant for change of name must have lived in Wood 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 Wood 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 Wood County Probate Court, located at One Courthouse Sq., 2nd Floor, Bowling Green, OH 43402, (419) 354-9230.

Fees:

\$95.00 filing fee, payable by cash, check, or money order made payable to Wood 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 Sentinel Tribune. The court will provide you with the documents you will need to take to the newspaper. The cost for publication will be about \$35.00.

Once publication is complete, you must obtain proof of publication from the paper and present it to the court on or before your hearing date. Because of the short time-frame, we recommend you visit the paper immediately after filing your application.

Hearing:

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