

GETTING A COURT ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE LAKE COUNTY

What to File:

- You will need:
- 1) Completed Application for Change of Name
(Adults: Initial Adult Name Change Packet, forms 21.0 and 21.6
(if applicable)
(Minors: Initial Minor Name Change Packet, forms 21.2, 21.4,
21.6 (if applicable)
 - 2) Certified copy of birth certificate; and
 - 3) \$105.00 filing fee.

Note: An applicant for change of name must have lived in Lake 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 Lake 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 Lake County Probate Court, located at 25 N. Park Place, Painesville, OH 44077, (440) 350-2626.

Fees:

\$105.00 filing fee by cash or certified check made payable to Lake County Probate Court.

Tips for Filing:

- Use your full middle name instead of your middle initial.
- Your application **must be typed**.

Publication:

Notice of your name change application must be published **at least 30 days before** your hearing in the News Herald. This will cost about \$60.00. Once you receive proof of publication from the paper, you must present the document to the court before your hearing.

Hearing:

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