

Montana _____ Judicial District Court

Number of Judicial District where you are filing

_____ County

Name of the county where you are filing

In the Matter of the Name Change of

_____:

Child's full name now

_____,
Petitioner (*your name*),

on behalf of

_____,
Minor Child (*child's name now*).

Cause No.: _____

Dept. No.: _____

**Order Changing
Name (Child)**

A Petition for Name Change was filed in this case. A hearing was held on
(date): _____. Based on the evidence, the Court finds:
mm/dd/yyyy

Findings of Fact

1 Child's Name

The minor child's current name is (*child's name now*)

First Middle Last

The Petitioner wishes to change the minor child's name to (*child's new name*)

First Middle Last

2 Minor Child’s Place of Birth

The child was born in

City

County

State

3 Minor Child’s Date of Birth

The minor child was born on (date) _____.
mm/dd/yyyy

4 Purpose of Name Change

The name change is not to avoid debt, hide a criminal record, or for any other improper reason.

5 Notice of Hearing (Check one)

- Both parents and all guardians have consented to the name change of the minor child in writing. Publication or posting of the hearing was not required.
- The Petitioner published notice of the hearing in a newspaper in this county. The notice was published for four weeks in a row.
- No newspaper is published in this county. The Petitioner posted notice of the hearing in three public places for four weeks in a row.

Conclusions of Law:

1. The minor child’s name change is allowed under Montana law. Montana Code Annotated 27-31-101 to 205.
2. The Petitioner was not required to publish notice of this hearing. Montana Code Annotated 27-31-201(2).

Order:

This Court orders that:

1 Name Change

The minor child's name is changed **from**

(old name:) _____
First Middle Last

to (new name:) _____
First Middle Last

2 Changes to Birth Certificate

Check one:

Montana Vital Statistics (MVS) will change the child's birth record to show this name change. MVS will line through the old name, type the new name above the old name, and stamp "ALTERED" on the birth record.

or

Montana Vital Statistics (MVS) will create a new birth record only showing the child's new name. MVS will put the old birth record in a sealed file which can only be opened by court order.

or

The child was not born in Montana.

DATE: _____

District Court Judge