

YAKIMA COUNTY DISTRICT COURT



Name Change Fee: \$196.50

Filing fees cannot be refunded

*Please note, if paying by check your hearing will be set out 20 days to verify funds. (No exceptions)

If you wish to change your name or the name of your minor child, you may file a Petition in the judicial district in which you reside.

When & Where to File:

- **YAKIMA COUNTY DISTRICT COURT; 128 N. 2ND STREET, YAKIMA WA, 509-574-1820**
 - Hearings will be held via Zoom. You will get your court date and Zoom information when you file your paperwork with the civil clerk.

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- **YAKIMA DISTRICT COURT – GRANDVIEW; 1313 W. WINE COUNTRY RD. GRANDVIEW, WA, 509-882-2192**
 - 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays) **(CLOSED 12:00-1:00 FOR LUNCH)**
 - Hearings are held in open court at 9:00 a.m. **EVEN DAY MONDAY'S ONLY** (except holidays)
 - **File no later than 2:00 p.m. to be set for the next available court date.**

There are only FOUR settings available each session.

Forms Required:

- *Petition for Change of Name
- * Order Changing Name

The Court will provide forms for the Petition and Order. **USE BLACK INK TO FILL OUT FORMS.** These forms are not mandatory. However, ***the Court will deny your name change request if it does not include all the required information and findings. Name change requests are governed by L-CRLJ 65.***

The Petition must be signed under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington. Please be prepared to present identification to court staff at time of filing.

The Petition and Order for Change of Name *must* state the following:

- That the Petitioner resides in Yakima County;
- The reason for the request;
- The application is not made for any illegal or fraudulent purposes;
- The name change will not be detrimental to the interests of any other person;
- The FULL present name(s).
- The FULL new name.
- Birthdate
- Parent's names.
- Whether you or the minor is under the jurisdiction or subject to the Washington State Department of Corrections. If so, the Petitioner must submit a copy of the Petition to the Department of Corrections at least *five days* before the hearing. ***VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION IS A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY UP TO 90 DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$1000 FINE.***
- The Petitioner must submit a copy of any order changing his or her name to the Department of Corrections within five days of its entry. ***VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION IS A CLASS C FELONY.***
- The judge may require you to submit proof you gave this notice

The court will not sign an order changing the name of a minor until all the following have occurred:

1. A copy of the minor's birth certificate is filed with the court; and
2. Either:
 - A. Both parents sign the Petition under penalty of perjury; or
 - B. Both parents appear in open court before the judge and agree to the name change or the court, after hearing determines the name change is in the best interest of the child; or
 - C. The parent who has not agreed with the name change has been served with a copy of the petition for name change, together with notice that the petition will come on for hearing at a certain date and time. Service must be made 20 days prior to the hearing date and proof of service must be filed with the court. **If you do not know the whereabouts of the non-consenting parent, you must file with the court a MOTION AND DECLARATION FOR SERVICE OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION and receive permission to serve the other parent by publishing notice in a newspaper.** The necessary forms are available from the clerk. See L-CRLJ 65]; or
 - D. The parent that has not agreed in writing or in open court has had his or her parental rights terminated. This is not the same as a parenting plan or custody order which does not allow visitation

The Court will send a certified copy of the order to the Yakima County Auditor for recording.

It is your obligation to notify:

- Department of Health
- Social Security Department
- Department of Licensing
- Any other business/establishment that would need to be aware of your name change.

Local court rules are available at: <http://www.yakimacounty.us/441/Name-Changes>

Local rules, state court rules, and links to state statutes and other useful information can be found at:
<https://www.courts.wa.gov/>