

Instructions for Filing Change of Name Petitions

An original and one copy of the following documents must be filled out and submitted to the Fresno Superior Court Clerk's Office, Civil Filing Division, when applying to the Court for a change of name:

1. Petition For Change Of Name
2. Order To Show Cause For Change Of Name
3. Judgment For Change Of Name

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR NAME CHANGES

Proof of publication of the notice of name change must be filed with the court before the date of the hearing. If proof of publication is not filed before the hearing, proof of publication must be brought to the hearing.

If a minor's name is being changed, the non-petitioning parent must be personally served with a copy of the order to show cause re name change and the petition for name change. A proof of service showing the non-petitioning parent was personally served with these documents must be filed with the court before the hearing or the proof of service must be brought to the court at the time of the hearing.

If the non-petitioning parent consents to the name change of the minor, that parent must sign a written consent to the name change and the written consent must be filed with the court before the date of the hearing or the written consent must be brought to the hearing.

If the non-petitioning parent consents to the name change but does not sign a written consent to the name change, the non-petitioning parent must be personally served with a copy of the order to show cause re name change and the petition for name change. A proof of service showing the non-petitioning parent was personally served with these documents must be filed with the court before the hearing or the proof of service must be brought to the court at the time of the hearing.