

SUPERIOR COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

In re the Name Change of Child(ren):

Civil Action
File No.: _____

Petitioner,

v.

Respondent.

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME(S)
OF MINOR CHILD(REN)

My name is _____ and I am representing myself in this petition. In support of my case, I state the following:

1. I reside in Gwinnett County, Georgia. Therefore, jurisdiction and venue are proper in this Court.
2. My relationship to the child(ren) in this action is: [Check only one below.]

☐ Mother
☐ Father
☐ Guardian

3. The current names, birthdates and proposed new names of the child(ren) are:

Current Name of Child	Year of Birth	Proposed New Name

4. [*Check only one of the following.*]

☐ (a) The child(ren) live(s) with me in Gwinnett County, Georgia.

☐ (b) The child(ren) do(es) not live with me, but live(s) in Georgia with:

Name of Person

County

5. [*Explain here why you want to change the name(s).*] The reason(s) for this name change is/are as follows:

6. The Mother of the child(ren) is _____

The Mother's address is _____

The Mother: [*Check only one of the following.*]

☐ (a) Is the person filing this Petition.

- ☐ (b) Has consented to this name change and has acknowledged service; the signed consent and acknowledgement of service shall be filed with this Petition.
- ☐ (c) Is deceased.
- ☐ (d) Has abandoned the child(ren) for the past 6 months immediately preceding the filing of this *Petition* as follows (O.C.G.A. § 19-12-1 (a)(1)) ***[check all that apply]***:
 - ☐ (1) has not exercised regular visitation
 - ☐ (2) has not had meaningful contact with the child(ren)
 - ☐ (3) has not contributed to the support of the child(ren)
 - ☐ (4) other act(s) of abandonment as otherwise defined in O.C.G.A. § 15-11-2(1).

7. The Father of the child(ren) is _____

The Father's address is _____

The Father: ***[Check only one of the following.]***

- ☐ (a) Is the person filing this Petition.
- ☐ (b) Has consented to this name change and has acknowledged service; the signed consent and acknowledgement of service shall be filed with this Petition.
- ☐ (c) Is deceased.
- ☐ (d) Has abandoned the child(ren) for the past 6 months immediately preceding the filing of this *Petition* as follows (O.C.G.A. § 19-12-1 (a)(1)) ***[check all that apply]***:
 - ☐ (1) has not exercised regular visitation
 - ☐ (2) has not had meaningful contact with the child(ren)

- ☐ (3) has not contributed to the support of the child(ren)
- ☐ (4) other act(s) of abandonment as otherwise defined in O.C.G.A. § 15-11-2(1).

8. *[You must check one (and only one) of the following.]*

- ☐ (a) There is no legal guardian for these children, other than their parent(s).
- ☐ (b) Both parents are deceased or have abandoned the child(ren), and the guardian of the child(ren) has consented to this name change and has acknowledged service; the signed consent and acknowledgement of service shall be filed with this Petition . The guardian's information is as follows:

Name: _____
Adress: _____

THEREFORE, the Petitioner asks:

(a) That the name(s) of the child(ren) be changed to the names shown in Paragraph 3 of the petition;

(b) That Respondent(s) be served with notice of this Petition as provided by law

[Check one of the following methods of service for each person who must be served.]

- ☐ (c) That the ☐ mother ☐ father ☐ person acting as guardian of the minor children be personally served;
- ☐ (d) That the ☐ mother ☐ father ☐ person acting as guardian of the minor children be served by certified mail, because they reside outside the state of Georgia;

- ☐ (e) That the Court order service by publication for the ☐ mother ☐ father ☐ person acting as guardian of the minor children, whose address is unknown.

Dated: _____

Petitioner *Pro se*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State ZIP

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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VERIFICATION

My name is _____ I hereby swear or affirm, before a notary public, that I have read the *Petition to Change Name of Minor Child(ren)* which I am filing in court with this *Verification*, and the facts stated in the document are true.

Dated: _____

[Signature]Petitioner, pro se

Subscribed and sworn before me on

_____, 20____.

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