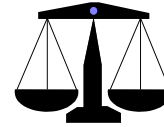


YAKIMA COUNTY DISTRICT COURT



Name Change Fee: \$192

Filing fees cannot be refunded.

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

Forms Required:

- Petition for Change of Name
- Order Changing Name

Where to File: YAKIMA COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

A person desiring to change his or her name or name of their minor child may file a Petition in the judicial district in which he or she resides. Yakima County District Court is located in the Yakima County Courthouse at 128 N. 2nd St., Room 225, Yakima, Washington. Call 509-574-1820 for more information.

When to File: YAKIMA COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

- 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays)
- Hearings are held in open court at 11:00 a.m. Thursday. **There are only SIX settings available each Thursday.**

Where to File: YAKIMA COUNTY LOWER VALLEY COURT

A person desiring to change his or her name or name of their minor child may file a Petition in the judicial district in which he or she resides. **The Yakima County Lower Valley Court is located at 1313 W. Wine Country Rd, Grandview, Washington.** Call 509-882-2192 for more information.

When to File: YAKIMA COUNTY LOWER VALLEY COURT

- 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 4:00 p.m. to be set for the next available court date. There are only FOUR settings available each session.**

How to File:

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 of the required information and findings. Name change requests are governed by L-CRLJ 65. Your filing fee cannot be refunded.**

The Petition must either be signed before a Notary Public or properly verified 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.

Bring your completed Petition for Change of Name and Order Changing Name and \$192 to the Civil Department of the Court. This pays for the filing and recording fees and **one certified copy** of the Order.

The Petition 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;
- Whether the minor is under the jurisdiction of 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. The offender must submit a copy of any order changing his or her name to the Department of Corrections within five days of its entry.

- The judge may require you to submit proof you gave this notice. **VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION IS A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY UP TO 90 DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$1000 FINE.**
- Whether the minor is a subject to the requirements of the sex offender registration laws. If so, the Petitioner must submit a copy of the Petition to the county sheriff and the Washington State Patrol at least five days before the hearing. The judge may require you to submit proof you gave this notice. The Petitioner must submit a copy of any order changing his or her name to the county sheriff and Washington State Patrol within five days of its entry. **VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION IS A CLASS C FELONY.**

The Order Changing Name *must* include the following:

- The minor's FULL present name.
- The minor's FULL new name.
- The minors date and place of birth.
- The minor's parents names.
- If the minor is under the jurisdiction of the Washington State Department of Corrections, the Order must contain a finding the change will not interfere with legitimate penological interests or that the change is requested for religious or legitimate cultural reasons or in recognition of marriage or dissolution of marriage.
- If the minor is subject to the sex offender registration laws of the state, the Order must contain a finding the change will not interfere with legitimate law enforcement interests, or that the change is requested for religious or legitimate cultural reasons or in recognition of marriage or dissolution of marriage.

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

1. *A Petition is properly completed and filed with the court by a parent or legal guardian;*
2. *A copy of the minor's birth certificate is filed with the court; and*
3. *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. If the child was born in the State of Washington, you must send a certified copy of the order to

**Department of Health
Center for Health Statistics
P.O. Box 9709
Olympia, WA 98507-9709**

You may also want to take certified copies to the Department of Licensing [if the child has a driver's license] and the Social Security Administration.

Local court rules are available at: www.pan.co.yakima.wa.us/Courts/District.htm

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