

**JOINT  
OR  
FAMILY  
NAME CHANGE**

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FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

## **How to File an application for a Joint or Family Name Change**

**You may use this packet if you want to ask for a name change for yourself and member(s) of your family IF all of the following apply:**

- You are residents of Pima County
- You are 18 years or older
- You are the biological parent(s) or guardian(s) of the minor(s) involved in the application.

**DO NOT USE THIS PACKET IF YOU ARE ASKING THE COURT TO CHANGE ONLY THE NAME OF ONE MINOR.**

**FOR A NAME CHANGE FOR ONE MINOR, USE NAME CHANGE PACKET 2: NAME CHANGE FOR A MINOR CHILD.**

**DO NOT USE THIS PACKET IF YOU ARE ASKING THE COURT TO CHANGE ONLY YOUR NAME.**

**FOR A NAME CHANGE FOR ONLY YOURSELF, USE NAME CHANGE PACKET 1: NAME CHANGE FOR AN ADULT**

# APPLICATION FOR NAME CHANGE FOR ADULT(S) WITH CHILDREN

## STEP 1: FILL OUT THIS PACKET

Fill out the forms included in this packet. This packet can be found at the Pima County Superior Court Law Library. The law library is located on the second floor of the Pima County Superior Court. You can also download the packet contents online. You can go to <https://www.sc.pima.gov/law-library/forms/> for the required forms.

Your completed packet must contain the following forms:

- A. Civil coversheet.
  - a. Write your name as the Plaintiff and write in your address.
  - b. On the second page check the box for change of name.
- B. Joint Application for Name Change.
- C. Order changing names(family).Fill out only the top of this form.
- D. Notice of Hearing.

## STEP 2: GO TO PIMA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT'S CLERK OFFICE TO FILE YOUR PAPERS:

***In Person:*** Bring your original packet and one copy of the packet to Court to file in person. Bring your identification with you. Go to the Clerk of the Court filing counter on the ground floor of the Pima County Superior Court. The Court is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. You should go to the Court at least two hours before it closes.

The Court is located at:

Pima County Superior Court  
110 W Congress St, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 131 A  
Tucson, AZ 85701

***You can file your paperwork any day of the week in person, but walk-in same day name change hearings are only conducted on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. If you want to be seen the same day you file your packet, please arrive at the Courthouse on a Wednesday or Thursday morning no later than 10:00 a.m.***

***File by Mail:*** To file your packet by mail, send an original packet and one copy and one self-addressed stamped envelope big enough to accommodate copies being mailed back to you. Include a photocopy of your Driver's License in your mailing. Any fees due may be paid by check payable to Clerk of the Court. Mail your materials to 110 W. Congress, Clerk of the Court Civil Division, Rm 131 A, Tucson, Az. 85701.

***Filing fees: You will be required to pay a filing fee before you can file your packet. To find out how much you have to pay to file your packet, please visit the Clerk of the Court's website at [www.cosc.pima.gov](http://www.cosc.pima.gov) or call the Clerk of the Court Civil Desk at 520-724-3210.***

If you cannot afford the filing fee, you may request a waiver or deferral (payment plan) when you file your papers with the Clerk of the Court. If you cannot afford to pay the filing fee, request an Application for Waiver and Deferral from the Law Library and Resource Center or download it and print it from the Pima County Superior Court website at <https://www.sc.pima.gov/law-library/forms/>

***You cannot file your packet without either having paid the filing fee or having received a waiver or deferral. It can take 5 - 7 days to process your request for a waiver or deferral.***

### **STEP 3: YOUR NOTICE OF HEARING WILL ARRIVE IN THE MAIL**

You will receive your notice of hearing in the mail approximately 1 week to 10 days after filing.

If you don't receive your notice of hearing in 10 days after filing, please call the Clerk of the Court Civil Desk at 520-724-3210 for assistance.

***The notice of hearing will include the date and time for your hearing. The Notice will provide a call-in number if you choose to attend your hearing by telephone.***

***\*\*\*\*If you are going to Court for a walk-in name change, you will be escorted to a Courtroom for a hearing on the same day you file your papers.***

### **STEP 4: NOTIFY ANY INTERESTED PARTY OR GIVE PROOF OF OTHER PARENT'S CONSENT**

A judge may decide that the law requires you to notify an interested party. The minor's other parent is often an interested party that must be notified. You can comply with the notice requirement before you file to make the process go faster.

***Consent:*** If the other biological parent knows about your application and agrees to it, you may file a notice of consent with your packet. The form to file with your packet showing the other parent consents to the name change is included in this packet. See "*Consent of Parent to Name Change of a Minor Child and Waiver of Notice.*"

***Providing notice if there is no consent:*** In most cases you must notify the other biological parent about your application to change a minor's name. Notice can be provided by giving the other parent a copy of the notice of hearing and having the other parent sign the Acceptance of Service form in this packet. You may also invite the other parent to attend the hearing.

There are many ways to provide notice depending on the circumstances of your situation. ***If you do not have the other parent's consent or do not have a completed Acceptance of Service form, you cannot attend a walk-in name change. You must attend a hearing to address the issue of notice. Please note that the judge may not be able to grant your request at the first hearing if notice is an issue.***

## **STEP 5: ATTEND THE HEARING**

You may call into the hearing according to the instructions provided on your notice of hearing.

You may also attend the hearing in person. The Courthouse is located at 110 W. Congress, Tucson, Az. 85701

## **STEP 6: AFTER THE HEARING**

If you are in court and attend a walk-in name change, and the judge grants your request, court staff will process your paperwork and give you a certified copy of the order to take with you before you leave the courthouse.

If you attend a scheduled hearing and the judge grants your request, court staff will process the paperwork and mail you a certified copy of your order showing the judge ordered the name change. ***You should receive your order in the mail within 10 days of the hearing. If you do not receive it, please call the Clerk of the Court Civil Desk at 520-724-3210.***

You will only be given 1 certified copy of the Court's order. You can get more certified copies if you pay an additional fee of \$30.50 per copy.

# FORMS

*Please separate the instructions from the forms before going to Court to file your packet.*

**In the Superior Court of the State of Arizona  
In and For the County of \_\_\_\_\_**

Case Number \_\_\_\_\_

**CIVIL COVER SHEET- NEW FILING ONLY**  
(Please Type or Print)

Plaintiff's Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney Bar Number \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff's Name(s): (List all)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff's Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(List additional plaintiffs on page two and/or attach a separate sheet).

Defendant's Name(s): (List All) \_\_\_\_\_

(List additional defendants on page two and/or attach a separate sheet)

**RULE 26.2 DISCOVERY TIER OR MONETARY RELIEF CLAIMED:**

**IMPORTANT: Any case category that has an asterisk (\*) MUST have a dollar amount claimed or Tier selected.** State the monetary amount in controversy or place an "X" next to the discovery tier to which the pleadings allege the case would belong under Rule 26.2.

Amount Claimed \$ \_\_\_\_\_       Tier 1       Tier 2       Tier 3

**NATURE OF ACTION**

Place an "X" next to the **one** case category that most accurately describes your primary case. **Any case category that has an asterisk (\*) MUST have a dollar amount claimed or Tier selected as indicated above.**

**TORT MOTOR VEHICLE:**

- Non-Death/Personal Injury\*
- Property Damage\*
- Wrongful Death\*

**TORT NON-MOTOR VEHICLE:**

- Negligence\*
- Product Liability – Asbestos\*
- Product Liability – Tobacco\*
- Product Liability – Toxic/Other\*
- Intentional Tort\*
- Property Damage\*
- Legal Malpractice\*

- Malpractice – Other professional\*
- Premises Liability\*
- Slander/Libel/Defamation\*
- Recovery of Damages under A.R.S. §12-514  
(Please provide Plaintiff DOB: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_)
- Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_\*

**MEDICAL MALPRACTICE:**

- Physician M.D.\*       Hospital\*
- Physician D.O.\*       Other\*

**CONTRACTS:**

- Account (Open or Stated)\*
- Promissory Note\*
- Foreclosure\*
- Buyer-Plaintiff\*
- Fraud\*
- Other Contract (e.g., Breach of Contract)\*
- Excess Proceeds – Sale\*
- Construction Defects (Residential/Commercial)\*
  - Six to Nineteen Structures\*
  - Twenty or More Structures\*
- Credit Card Debt (Maricopa County Filings Only)\*

**OTHER CIVIL CASE TYPES:**

- Eminent Domain/Condemnation\*
- Eviction Actions (Forcible and Special Detainers)\*
- Change of Name
- Transcript of Judgment
- Foreign Judgment
- Quiet Title\*
- Forfeiture\*
- Election Challenge
- NCC – Employer Sanction Action (A.R.S. §23-212)\*
- Injunction against Workplace Harassment
- Injunction against Harassment
- Civil Penalty
- Water Rights (Not General Stream Adjudication)\*
- Real Property\*
- Special Action  
(See lower court appeal cover sheet in Maricopa)
- Immigration Enforcement Challenge (A.R.S. §§1-501, 1-502, 11-1051)
- Expungement

**UNCLASSIFIED CIVIL:**

- Administrative Review  
(See lower court appeal cover sheet in Maricopa)
- Tax Appeal  
(All other tax matters must be filed in the AZ Tax Court)
- Declaratory Judgment
- Habeas Corpus
- Landlord Tenant Dispute – Other\*
- Declaration of Factual Innocence (A.R.S. §12-771)
- Declaration of Factual Improper Party Status
- Vulnerable Adult (A.R.S. §46-451)\*
- Tribal Judgment
- Structured Settlement (A.R.S. §12-2901)
- Attorney Conservatorships (State Bar)
- Unauthorized Practice of Law (State Bar)
- Out-of-State Deposition for Foreign Jurisdiction
- Secure Attendance of Prisoner
- Assurance of Discontinuance
- In-State Deposition for Foreign Jurisdiction
- Eminent Domain – Light Rail Only\*
- Interpleader – Automobile Only\*
- Delayed Birth Certificate (A.R.S. §36-333.03)
- Employment Dispute – Discrimination\*
- Employment Dispute – Other\*
- Verified Rule 27(a) Petition\*
- Verified Rule 45.2 Petition
- Amendment of Birth Certificate
- Amendment of Marriage License (Maricopa County Filings Only)
- Application/Motion Objecting to Foreign Subpoena
- Other (Specify)\* \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY ORDER SOUGHT:**

- Temporary Restraining Order
- Employer Sanction
- Provisional Remedy
- Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- OSC
- Election Challenge

**COMMERCIAL COURT (Maricopa County Only)**

This case is eligible for the commercial court under Rule 8.1, and plaintiff requests assignment of this case to the commercial court. More information on the commercial court, including the most recent forms, are available on the court’s website at <https://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/commercial-court/>.

Additional Plaintiff(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Additional Defendant(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Person Filing: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

## SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA, COUNTY OF PIMA

In re the Name Change

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

of: (current names)

JOINT APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF  
NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The Applicant(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

pursuant to ARS 12-601, hereby petitions the Court to change the following current names and dates of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

to the new names: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

and alleges as follows:

1. The applicant(s) are residents of \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of Arizona.
2. That applicant(s) are at least 18 years of age
3. That applicant(s) are the legal parent(s) or guardian(s) of the minor(s)

- \_\_\_\_\_
4. That applicant(s)  have  have not been convicted in a criminal proceeding amounting to a felony in a State Court or Federal Court of the United States of America.

5. That applicant(s) do not request the Change of Name for the purpose of defrauding creditors, escaping any indebtedness or obligation nor to defeat any property rights of others.
6. That applicant(s) request a legal change of name for the following reason:

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And order the State Department of birth records to amend said persons' birth records if they so request.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Co-Applicant

**THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT**  
**FOR**  
**DEFAULT NAME CHANGE**

Please PRINT the following information to be given to the courtroom Clerk in order to obtain your default or name change. THE INFORMATION MUST BE LEGIBLE AND ADDRESSES COMPLETE WITH ZIP CODES LISTED.

CASE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ ASSIGNED JUDGE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS AREA FOR DEFAULTS ONLY:

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COMPLETE THIS AREA FOR NAME CHANGE ONLY:

NAME CHANGE IS FOR:            SELF \_\_\_\_\_ A MINOR CHILD \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT NAME OF PERSONS RECEIVING: \_\_\_\_\_  
A CHANGE OF NAME.

NAMES WILL BE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF PERSON FILING \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM

Person Filing: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA, COUNTY OF PIMA**

In re the Name Change of:

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

(current names)

**ORDER CHANGING NAMES  
(Family)**

\_\_\_\_\_

The Court having considered applicant(s) verified Application For Change of Name and the testimony received in support thereof, finds: That applicant(s) have met the residency requirements; that applicant(s) are persons of legal age; are the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the minor child(ren); that the Court has jurisdiction over the matter under A.R.S. 12-601, and 12-602; that the notice requirements of 12-602 either have been met or are not legally required; that there being no reasonable objection to the requested name changes; and that the applicant(s) have shown good cause for the change of names and it is in the minor(s) best interests for a change of name;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the

Petition For Change of Name is granted, and the names and dates of birth of

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Be changed to

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- For a person born in the State of Arizona, the Office of Vital Records is ordered to amend the birth record to reflect the new name ordered above.
- For a person born in a state other than Arizona, to the extent that the agency that maintains birth records in that state is authorized to honor an order of the Court, that agency is requested or ordered to amend its birth records to reflect the new name as ordered above.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge or Court Commissioner

Person Filing: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day/Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
PIMA COUNTY**

In the Matter of :

Case Number:

**CONSENT OF PARENT TO  
NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR  
CHILD AND WAIVER OF NOTICE**

\_\_\_\_\_ a Minor

**REQUIRED INFORMATION FROM PARENT, UNDER OATH OR AFFIRMATION:**

**1. INFORMATION ABOUT ME:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth (Month Date Year) \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Birth: (City State Nation) \_\_\_\_\_

I am the natural MOTHER or FATHER of the minor child named above.

I am the adoptive MOTHER or FATHER of the minor child named above.

**2.** I have read the Application for Name Change and consent to changing the child's LEGAL name to:  
(First Middle Last): \_\_\_\_\_

**3.** I waive notice of all further proceedings in this matter.

**OATH OR AFFIRMATION**

The contents of this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to or affirmed before me this date: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public or Deputy Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Person Filing: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (if not protected): \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney Bar Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Representing [ ] Self or [ ] Attorney for \_\_\_\_\_



**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
IN PIMA COUNTY**

**In the Matter of:**

**Case Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING  
APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF  
NAME**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name(s) of person(s) requesting name change**

**READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. An important court proceeding that affects your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this Notice or the other court papers, contact an attorney for legal advice.**

- 1. NOTICE: An application for Change of Name has been filed with the Court by the person(s) named above. A hearing has been scheduled where the Court will consider whether to grant or deny the requested change. If you wish to be heard on this issue, you must appear at the hearing at the date and time indicated below.**
- 2. COURT HEARING. A court hearing has been scheduled to consider the Application as follows:**

**Hearing Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hearing Time:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Hearing Location:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Hearing Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month/Day/Year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
IN PIMA COUNTY**

In the matter of the Petition  
For a Change of Name of

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Child's current name)

Case No: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION FOR NAME CHANGE  
ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE**

**READ CAREFULLY. By signing your name on the next page in the presence of a Notary Public or a Clerk of the Superior Court, you are stating under oath or affirmation that you have read this document and understand its contents and that you have received and accepted the documents listed.**

**Accepting these papers does not affect your right to disagree with them.**

1. I accept service of the application for name change and have been advised of the date and time of the hearing and understand by accepting these papers; it is the same as if I were personally served under Arizona Law. [Rule 4, Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure]
2. I understand accepting service of these court papers does not affect my right to appear at the hearing and object to the application for name change.
3. I understand that if I do not appear at the hearing or file a written objection to the application, the Judge may grant the application even if I do not agree with it.

**UNDER OATH OR BY AFFIRMATION**

I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the contents of this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed signature)

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this: \_\_\_\_\_ by  
(date)

\_\_\_\_\_.

Notary seal:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Deputy Clerk or Notary Public)