

COMPLETING THE DECREE FOR NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR

Use this form to provide the court with a proposed Decree (Order) for the name change of a child.

The heading of each Decree should be the same as the Petition you filed containing all children's names. The body of each Decree should contain the name of only one child.

You must complete a Decree for EACH child you are asking to change the name of.

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The form is titled "DECREE FOR NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR" and is for the "DISTRICT COURT OF _____ COUNTY, NEBRASKA". It contains several sections for inputting information:

- Header:** "IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF _____ COUNTY, NEBRASKA" with a dropdown menu for "Choose the court" and "(county where Petition filed)".
- Case Information:** "IN RE NAME CHANGE OF:" followed by a text field for "(minor child(ren)'s current full name(s))" and a "Case No." field with "(case number assigned by clerk of court)".
- Minor Information:** "Minor Child(ren), By Parent or Guardian" followed by a text field for "(your full name)".
- Hearing Date:** "This matter came on for hearing on _____, upon Petition for Name Change of a Minor Child or Children filed by _____" with a date field and a text field for the petitioner's name.
- Child's Name:** "on behalf of the following minor child:" followed by three text fields for "(current first name)", "(current middle name(s))", and "(current last name(s))".
- Residency:** "The petitioner appeared without the assistance of an attorney. The petitioner adduced evidence, and the court, being fully advised in the premises finds as follows:" followed by two numbered items (I and II) regarding jurisdiction and residency in two different counties.

Red callout boxes with arrows point to the following fields:

- "Choose the county from the drop-down list." points to the county dropdown.
- "Enter the children's CURRENT first, middle, and last name(s)." points to the "minor child(ren)'s current full name(s)" field.
- "Enter your name." points to the "your full name" field.
- "Enter your first, middle, and last name(s)." points to the petitioner's name field.
- "Enter the case number." points to the "Case No." field.
- "Enter the hearing date." points to the date field.
- "Enter the child's CURRENT first, middle, and last name(s)." points to the "current last name(s)" field.
- "Enter the name of the county." points to the county fields in the residency section.

Enter the child's first, middle, and last name(s) that you are asking to change to.

III. Notice of the Petition for Name Change was published pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 25-21.271(2)(b), and the notice requirement under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 25-21.271(2)(b)(1) has been met.

IV. The *current* name of the minor child:

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| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| (current first name) | (current middle name(s)) | (current last name(s)) |

should be changed to the *preferred new* name of:

| | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| (new first name) | (new middle name(s)) | (new last name(s)) |

V. There exists proper and reasonable cause for changing the name of the minor child.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:
The minor child's *current* name is changed to the *preferred new* name of:

| | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| (new first name) | (new middle name(s)) | (new last name(s)) |

Dated:

BY THE COURT:

District Court Judge

Enter the child's CURRENT first, middle, and last name(s).

Enter the child's first, middle, and last name(s) that you are asking to change to.

Stop! The court will date and sign the Decree if they approve.