

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re:

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

(A Minor Child/ren)

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Civil Action Case Number:

\_\_\_\_\_

PETITION TO CHANGE NAMES OF MINOR CHILD(REN)

Petitioner, \_\_\_\_\_

(name of parent or guardian of minor) files this Petition and shows the following:

1.

Petitioner is a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Georgia.

2.

The names of the minor child or minor children are

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and said

minor child(ren) live(s) in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Georgia.

3.

Petitioner is the child(ren)'s \_\_\_\_\_ (identify  
relationship with child(ren)).

4.

Petitioner desires to change the name(s) of said minor child(ren) from

\_\_\_\_\_ (former name) , Year of Birth \_\_\_\_\_, to

\_\_\_\_\_ (new name) and from (if there is a second child)

\_\_\_\_\_ (former name) to

\_\_\_\_\_ (new name) , Year of Birth \_\_\_\_\_, o

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The reasons for such change in name(s) are as follows:

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The natural parents of said child(ren) are: Mother's name and address

\_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name and  
address \_\_\_\_\_

7.

(Mark the appropriate choice and only mark either A or B)

(A) I have served the other parent by personal service as required by OCGA § 19-12-1 (f) at the following address \_\_\_\_\_ by having the sheriff serve him or her at this address. OR

(B) I do not know the whereabouts of the minor child's \_\_\_\_\_ (father or mother or guardian) and within seven (7) days of filing this petition will serve them by publication in the newspaper for once a week for four weeks and I will file the publisher's affidavit at the end of the four weeks.

8.

(Mark the appropriate choice and only mark either A, B or C)

(A) The written consent of the other parent to change the name of the minor child(ren) is attached hereto as Exhibit A. OR

(B) The other parent is deceased and I have attached the death certificate to the petition as Exhibit A. OR

(C) The consent is not need because I allege that the other parent has abandoned the child as defined in O.C.G.A. § 15-11-12 by showing an intent to forgo parental duties or relinquish parental claims by doing the following: (mark all that apply)

Failure, for a period of at least six months, to communicate meaningfully with a child;

Failure, for a period of at least six months, to maintain regular visitation with a child;

- Leaving a child with another person without provision for his or her support for a period of at least six months;
- Failure, for a period of at least six months, to participate in any court ordered plan or program designed to reunite a child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian with his or her child;
- Leaving a child without affording means of identifying such child or his or her parent, guardian, or legal custodian and:
  - The identity of such child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian cannot be ascertained despite diligent searching; and a parent, guardian, or legal custodian has not come forward to claim such child within three months following the finding of such child;
  - Being absent from the home of his or her child for a period of time that creates a substantial risk of serious harm to a child left in the home;
  - Failure to respond, for a period of at least six months, to notice of child protective proceedings; or
  - Any other conduct indicating an intent to forgo parental duties or relinquish parental claims by doing the following

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WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully prays for the following:

That the name of \_\_\_\_\_ be changed to  
\_\_\_\_\_.

And that the name of \_\_\_\_\_ be changed to  
\_\_\_\_\_.

And any other such relief as the Court does deem proper and necessary.

Respectfully submitted, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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Petitioner, Pro se (Signature)

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_