

Superior Court of Washington, County of _____

In re:

(Current name)

☐ by parents or legal guardians on behalf of
a minor:

(Name/s of parents or legal guardians)

No. _____

Petition for Sealed Name Change
(No mandatory form)

Clerk's action required: Do not file in a
public access file (RCW 4.24.130(5)(c))

Petition for Sealed Name Change

Instructions

Step 1: Find out if you are eligible for a **sealed** name change in Superior Court.

You can only file for a sealed name change in Superior Court **if at least one of these is true:**

- Your request is due to an experience of or reasonable fear of domestic violence, stalking, unlawful harassment, or coercive control.
- Your request is related to gender expression or identity.
- You are an emancipated minor.
- You have asylum, refugee, or special immigrant juvenile status.

If none of those apply, do **not** use this form. Contact **District Court** for their public name change forms.

Step 2: Check with the Superior Court Clerk to see if they have their own name change forms. If local forms exist, use them. Otherwise, fill out this form and proposed *Findings for Sealed Name Change* (NJP License 411) and *Order for Sealed Name Change* (NJP License 412). You may need additional forms like a Cover Sheet, Confidential Information Sheet or Notice of Hearing form. Ask the Clerk if these forms are required in your county and how to get them, if needed.

Step 3: File your petition with the court clerk. Pay the filing fee or apply for a fee waiver. Ask the court clerk how to schedule a hearing on your petition.

Step 4: Go to your court hearing. Bring ID and your proposed *Findings* and *Order for Sealed Name Change* (forms NJP License 411 and 412). Ask the judge to sign your Findings and Order. After the Order is signed, you can purchase copies from the court clerk. Purchase many.

1. Who is changing their name?

☐ **Me.** I am (*check one*):

☐ age 18 or older. My date of birth is: _____.

☐ an emancipated minor.

☐ **A minor child, age _____.** I/we have the legal authority to file this petition for the child because (*check one*):

☐ We are the child's parents or legal guardians. Both parents or guardians agree to the name change and are signing this petition.

☐ I am a parent or legal guardian of the child and (*check one*):

☐ The child has no other parent or legal guardian.

☐ The child's only other parent or legal guardian has died.

☐ I will have a copy of this petition and the notice of hearing served on the child's other parent or legal guardian.

☐ I ask the court to change my child's name without requiring notice to the other parent or legal guardian because (*explain legal or safety reasons*):

The requested name change is in the child's best interest because: _____

2. Request

I ask for a court order changing ☐ my ☐ the minor child's name:

From (*current full legal name*):

First *Middle* *Last*

To: (new full legal name):

Ryan

First Middle Last

3. Washington court's authority (jurisdiction)

- ☐ I am a resident of Washington.
- ☐ The minor child is a resident of Washington.
- ☐ **Not** a resident. The person whose name is changing is not a resident of Washington. I am filing this petition in a Washington state court because (*explain*):

4. Reasons to seal: Are you filing this petition for any of the reasons listed below?

*If Yes, you may file in Superior Court. The Superior Court will **seal** the file to protect your privacy if the petition is granted. RCW 4.24.130.*

- ☐ Yes, this is due to an experience of (or reasonable fear of) domestic violence, stalking, unlawful harassment, or coercive control as defined in RCW 7.105.010.
- ☐ Yes, this is related to gender expression or identity as defined in RCW 49.60.040.
- ☐ Yes, I am an emancipated minor under chapter 13.64 RCW.
- ☐ Yes, I (or the minor child) have received asylum, refugee, or special immigrant juvenile status.
- ☐ No. (*Do **not** use this form. You can file a petition for a public name change in District Court. Use the District Court's name change form.*)

5. Is the person whose name is changing required to register as a sex offender?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes (*Do **not** use this form. You can file a petition for a public name change in District Court. You will have special notice requirements. Use the District Court's name change form.*)

6. Is the person whose name is changing under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes (*Do **not** use this form. You can file a petition for a public name change in District Court. You will have special notice requirements. Use the District Court's name change form.*)

7. Has the person whose name is changing had a previous name change?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes. *Explain:* _____

8. Are you filing this petition to avoid creditors?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes

9. Are you filing this petition for any illegal or fraudulent purpose?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes

10. Is there anything else the court should know about your request for a name change?

- ☐ No.
☐ Yes. *Explain:* _____

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the facts I have provided on this form are true.

Signed at (*city and state*): _____ Date: _____

► _____
Petitioner's or Parent/Guardian's Signature *Print name*

► _____
Second Parent/Guardian's Signature (if any) *Print name*

► _____
Minor child age 13 or older (if any) *Print name*

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Findings for Sealed Name Change
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Findings for Sealed Name Change

Use this form with the Petition for Sealed Name Change, NJP License 410, and Order for Sealed Name Change, NJP License 412.

1. A petition for name change was filed to change the name of:

- ☐ an adult, age 18 or older.
- ☐ an emancipated minor.
- ☐ A minor child, age _____.

A hearing was held on (date): _____

The following people attended: _____

2. Washington court's authority (jurisdiction)

This court has jurisdiction over the requested name change because:

- ☐ The person whose name is being changed is a resident of Washington.
- ☐ Other reason (explain): _____

3. Findings on reasons to seal

The petition for name change should be granted in Superior Court and the case sealed pursuant to RCW 4.24.130(5) because *(check all that apply)*:

- ☐ The request is due to an experience of (or reasonable fear of) domestic violence, stalking, unlawful harassment, or coercive control as defined in RCW 7.105.010.
- ☐ The request is related to gender expression or identity as defined in RCW 49.60.040.
- ☐ Petitioner is an emancipated minor under chapter 13.64 RCW.
- ☐ Petitioner (or the minor child) has received asylum, refugee, or special immigrant juvenile status.

4. Sex offender and DOC findings

(Name change petitions for people who are required to register as a sex offender and for people who are under DOC jurisdiction must be filed in District Court.)

The person whose name is changing is **not** required to register as a sex offender and is **not** under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections (DOC).

5. Minor child findings

- ☐ Does not apply.
- ☐ Petitioner/s have the legal authority to petition for the minor child because:
 - ☐ They are the child's parents or court-appointed guardians. Both parents or guardians agree to the name change.
 - ☐ Petitioner is a parent or court-appointed guardian of the child and *(check one)*:
 - ☐ The child has no other parent or court-appointed guardian.
 - ☐ The child's only other parent or court-appointed guardian has died.
 - ☐ The child's other parent or court-appointed guardian was served notice of this hearing and had an opportunity to respond.
 - ☐ The court should grant a name change without notice to the other parent or court-appointed guardian because *(explain legal or safety reasons)*:

- ☐ The requested name change is in the child's best interest because: _____

6. Conclusion

The petition should be granted. The court should enter an Order for Sealed Name Change as requested.

Dated _____

Judge/Court Commissioner

Print Judge/Court Commissioner Name

Presented by:



Petitioner's or Parent/Guardian's Signature

Print name



Second Parent/Guardian's Signature (if any)

Print name



Minor child age 13 or older (if any)

Print name

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Order for Sealed Name Change

Use this form with the Petition for Sealed Name Change, NJP License 410, and Findings for Sealed Name Change, NJP License 411.

1. Basis

The court entered Findings for Sealed Name Change on (date): _____.
Based on those findings, the court issues this order.

2. Order

The petition is granted. The court orders the following name change:
From (current full legal name):

First

Middle

Last

To: (new full legal name):

First

Middle

Last

3. Clerk's action

The clerk shall **seal** this file. There shall be no public access to any court record of this name change filing, proceeding, or order. The name change file shall not be open to inspection except:

- Upon order of the court for good cause shown; or
- Upon the request of the person whose name change was granted or the person's guardian or representative.

Ordered.

Dated _____

Judge/Court Commissioner

Print Judge/Court Commissioner Name

Presented by:



Petitioner's or Parent/Guardian's Signature

Print name



Second Parent/Guardian's Signature (if any)

Print name



Minor child age 13 or older (if any)

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