

Name Change Information

A person desiring to change their name may file an action in the District Court of their residence. Petitions are available in both Yakima and Grandview or online.

Filing Fee: \$298.50

Filing fees are due at the time of filing and are non-refundable.

If you are paying by check, your hearing will be set 20 days out to verify funds.

Fee Waivers: Pursuant to GR 34, a fee waiver is available upon request. If your fee waiver is granted, all filing, administrative, and recording fees will be waived. Fee waivers do not cover additional name change orders. *Any additional copies will be \$5.00 each.*

Before Filing your Name Change Petition: You must be a resident of Yakima County, Washington. All documents must be filled out completely and legibly in black ink or typed. Please read the statements on the petition carefully, as you will be signing this document and swearing to it under penalty of perjury. Be prepared to show picture ID at the time of filing.

Minor Name Change: You must provide a copy of the minor's birth certificate when filing your petition. Both biological/natural parents must sign the petition. If you cannot obtain consent of the other parent, you must have them personally served with a copy of the petition and hearing notice, and file proof of service. They must be served at least 20 days prior to the hearing.

If you do not know the whereabouts of the other parent, you may ask the court to authorize service by publication. See L-CRLJ-65.

What to Expect at your Hearing and After: You must be present at the hearing. At the hearing, a Judge will consider the petition and make a ruling. One certified copy of your signed name change order will be provided to you. Any additional copies will be \$5.00 each. If you are trying to obtain a copy, please visit the Yakima County Auditors Office.

District Court hours:

Yakima M-F 8:00AM TO 4:30PM 128 N. 2nd Street, Yakima, WA 98902.

Grandview M-F 8:30AM – 4:30PM (closed from 12-) 1313 W. Wine Country Rd. Grandview, WA 98930.

For questions contact us at (509)574-1804 or on-line at <https://www.yakimacounty.us/412/District-Court>

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Registered Sex Offenders and/or an Offender Under the Jurisdiction of the

Department of Corrections: If you or the minor is a registered sex offender, you must submit a copy of the petition to the Yakima County Sheriff's Office and the Washington State Patrol at least five court days after the hearing.

An offender under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections who applies to change their name shall submit a copy of the application to the Department of Corrections not fewer than five days before the entry of an order granting the name change.

If you were born in Washington State and wish to change your birth certificate, you must send certified copies of all the paperwork to:

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

The Court will record your Name Change with the Yakima County Auditor's Office.

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