

IN THE SIXTEENTH DISTRICT CIRCUIT COURT OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TN

PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

IN RE: \_\_\_\_\_

DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 29-8-101, et.seq.,

Comes now the Petitioner requesting change of name and makes oath

And/oath affirmation that the following facts are correct and complete:

1. My full name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Tennessee, residing at \_\_\_\_\_. I am a citizen of the United State of America.
2. I am more than 18 years of age. My date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_. I was born in the state of \_\_\_\_\_. The name given to me at birth was \_\_\_\_\_.
3. All other names and aliases by which I have been identified since birth are: \_\_\_\_\_.  
Except for marriages or divorces, the only times I have changed or attempted to change my name since birth are as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I desire to change my name to: \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The reasons for my desiring the name change are \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The change of name will not adversely affect the rights of any minor children nor require that their names be changed. I have never been convicted of a felony. I am not seeking this change of name to evade the claims of my creditors, to evade legal process, not for any other unlawful purpose.
7. Attached are copies of my birth certificate, official photo identification (driver's license) and social security card.

I swear or affirm that I have red the Petition and the facts are correct and complete.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBIC

\_\_\_\_\_  
My commission expires

Hearing set for \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM \_\_\_\_\_ ROOM

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
AT MURFREESBORO

IN RE:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

Petition to Change Name

or

Correct Error in Birth Certificate

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**AFFIDAVIT**

Comes your Affiant, having been duly sworn, and respectfully states in support of my Petition filed herein pursuant to the provisions of T.C.A. §29-8-101, et seq., as follows:

As of the date of filing my Petition, continuing through the date of execution of this Affidavit, and the hearing held upon my Petition, I am a citizen and resident of Rutherford County, Tennessee.

I hereby acknowledge, understand and confirm:

Pursuant to the provisions of T.C.A. §29-8-101(b)(1), persons who have been convicted of the following offenses shall not have the right to legally change their names:

- (A) First or second degree murder; or
- (B) Any offense, the commission of which requires a sexual offender to register pursuant to the Sexual Offender Registration and Monitoring Act, codified in title 40, chapter 39.

Further, pursuant to the provisions of T.C.A. §29-8-101(b)(3), if the person seeking to have the person's name changed has a felony conviction, other than for those offenses enumerated in subdivision (b)(1), [referenced above as T.C.A. §29-8-101(b)(1)(A)(B)], then the petition is presumed to be made in

bad faith, to defraud or mislead, to cause injury to an individual or to compromise public safety. The name change shall not be granted unless the individual requesting the name change proves by clear and convincing evidence that the petition is not based upon an intent to defraud or mislead, is made in good faith, will not cause injury to an individual and will not compromise public safety.

**I have not been convicted of any of the offenses referenced in T.C.A. §29-8-101(b)(1)(A)(B). I do not have a felony conviction.**

Further, my Petition is not being made to defraud or mislead, is made in good faith, will not cause injury to an individual or compromise public safety.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

STATE OF TENNESSEE        )  
  )  
COUNTY OF RUTHERFORD    )

Subscribed and sworn before me on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY, MURFREESBORO TENNESSEE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

**ORDER**

This matter came on to be heard on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, before the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, Judge of the Circuit Court for Rutherford County, Murfreesboro, Tennessee upon the Petition filed pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated section 29-8-101 et seq. by Petitioner to have his/her name changed. \_\_\_\_\_ testified the purpose for his/her name change, and the Petitioner's request should be granted and his/her name be changed to \_\_\_\_\_.

The Court finds for reasons stated in the Petition for Change of Name, that the Petitioner's request should be granted and that is proper for \_\_\_\_\_ to have her/his name changed to \_\_\_\_\_.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS**

1. That the Petitioner's name \_\_\_\_\_ be changed to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. That the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State of Tennessee is hereby authorized to change any documents necessary to reflect the Petitioner's name as \_\_\_\_\_ and all of \_\_\_\_\_ official records shall reflect such change.
3. The costs of this cause are taxed to the Petitioner for which execution may issue if necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_  
JUDGE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

