

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF COBB COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

In re the Name Change of Children:

Civil Action File No.: _____

_____,
Petitioner.

vs.

_____,
Respondent.

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR CHILDREN

The Petitioner files this Petition to Change Name(s) of Minor Children, and states the following in support of the petition:

1

The Petitioner's name is _____, and s/he resides in Cobb County, Georgia. Therefore, jurisdiction and venue are proper in this Court.

2

The Petitioner's relationship to the children in this action is: *[Check only one (1) box.]*

Mother Father Guardian.

3

These are the names, birthdates, and proposed new names of the children from whom the name change is sought:

Current Name of Child	Date of Birth	Proposed New Name

[Check only one (1) box.]

- The minor children live with the Petitioner in Cobb County, Georgia.
- The minor children do not live with the Petitioner. They live with _____ in _____ County, Georgia.

[Explain here why you want to change your name.]

The reasons for this name change are as follows:

The Mother of the children is _____. Her address is _____ and she:

[You must check only one (1) of the following.]

- Has consented to this name change and has acknowledged service; the signed consent and acknowledgment of service shall be filed with this *Petition*.
- Is deceased.
- Has abandoned the children.
- Has not contributed to the support of the children for a continuous period of at least 5 years immediately preceding the filing of this *Petition*.

The Father of the children is _____. His address is _____ and he:

[You must check only one (1) of the following.]

- Has consented to this name change and has acknowledged service; the signed consent and acknowledgment of service shall be filed with this *Petition*.
- Is deceased.
- Has abandoned the children.
- Has not contributed to the support of the children for a continuous period of at least 5 years immediately preceding the filing of this *Petition*.

[You must check only one (1) of the following.]

- There is no legal guardian for these children, other than their parent(s).
- Both parents are deceased or have abandoned the child(ren), and the guardian of the children is _____, whose address is _____

And s/he has consented to this name change and has acknowledged service; the signed consent and acknowledgment of service shall be filed with this *Petition*.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner asks:

- (a) That the name(s) of the minor children be changed to the names show in Paragraph 3 of the *Petition*.

[Check only one (1) of the following methods of service for each person who must be served. Read the instructions for service first.]

- (b) That the Sheriff's Department personally serve the Mother/ Father / person acting as guardian of the minor children, because they reside outside the State of Georgia.
- (c) That the Mother/ Father/ person acting as guardian of the minor children be served by certified mail, because they reside outside the State of Georgia.

