

## GETTING A COURT ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE VAN WERT COUNTY

### What to File:

- You will need:
- 1) Completed Application for Change of Name  
(Adults: Forms 21.0, 21.1, 21.5)  
(Minors: Forms 21.2, 21.3, 21.4, 21.5)
  - 2) Certified copy of birth certificate; and
  - 3) \$150.00 filing fee.

Note: An applicant for change of name must have lived in Van Wert County for at least one continuous year at the time of the application. The applicant need not present proof of residency. However, the applicant must sign the Application for Change of Name, which includes a statement that the applicant has lived in the county for at least one year immediately prior to filing the application.

Note: The Van Wert County Probate Court does not grant fee waivers for name changes. Equitas Health and TransOhio are currently working to secure financial assistance for those who need help with fees.

### Where to File:

File in person at the Van Wert County Probate Court, located at 108 E. Main St., Van Wert, OH 45891, (419) 238-0027.

### Fees:

\$150.00 filing fee by cash or certified check made payable to Van Wert County Probate Court.

### Tips for Filing:

- Use your full middle name instead of your middle initial.
- Your application may be typed or handwritten in blue or black ink. If handwriting, make sure it is legible.

### Publication:

Notice of your name change application must be published one time **at least 30 days before** your hearing in the Times Bulletin. The court will send the required information to the paper on your behalf, and this service is included in the \$150.00 filing fee.

### Hearing:

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