

_____ (Court)
County of _____

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In the Matter of the Application of

(current legal name)

for Leave to Assume the Name of

(preferred legal name)
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PETITION FOR
INDIVIDUAL ADULT
CHANGE OF NAME

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_____ (current legal name), by this petition, alleges:

1. My present name is _____.
2. The name which I propose to assume in place and stead of my present name is _____.
3. I am _____ years of age.
My date of birth is _____.
I was born in _____.
My Birth Certificate, Number _____, is attached.
4. I currently reside at _____
_____.
5. I have/have no minor children [CIRCLE ONE].
6. I have no obligations for Child support. [OR, STATE WHETHER SUPPORT PAYMENTS ARE SATISFIED AND UP TO DATE, AMOUNT IN ARREARAGE IF ANY, COURT THAT ISSUED THE CHILD SUPPORT ORDER, AND WHICH COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTIONS UNIT IS INVOLVED]
7. I am not responsible for Spousal Support. [OR, STATE WHETHER SUPPORT PAYMENTS ARE SATISFIED AND UP TO DATE, AMOUNT IN ARREARAGE IF ANY, AND COURT THAT ISSUED THE SPOUSAL SUPPORT ORDER].

8. a) I have never been convicted of a crime [OR PROVIDE LIST OF CONVICTIONS].

b) I have never been adjudicated bankrupt [OR DESCRIBE].

c) There are no judgments or liens of record against me [OR DESCRIBE].

d) There are no actions or proceedings pending to which I am a party [OR DESCRIBE].

9. I have not made a previous application to change my name in this or any other Court [OR DESCRIBE].

10. The grounds for this application are as follows:

11. Pursuant to Civil Rights Law §64-a, I request that I be exempted from the requirements that my change of name be published because publication would jeopardize my personal safety. Publication would publicly out me as a transgender person and violence against transgender people permeates our society. According to a recent Report of the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (2002), “the number of reported incidents [in New York City] involving anti-transgender bias has continued to rise (21%) in 2001, and anti-transgender bias is now present in 13% of all bias incidents.” The Washington Transgender Needs

Assessment, conducted by Gender Education and Advocacy, found that 43% of the transgender individuals surveyed had been a victim of violence or crime, with 75% attributing a motive of transphobia or homophobia to the violence. Should the Court deny this request, I ask that, for the same reasons, I be permitted to omit my address from the notice of publication. [IF YOU DO NOT THINK PUBLICATION WOULD ENDANGER YOUR SAFETY, CROSS THIS PART OUT. IF YOU HAVE OTHER REASONS WHY YOU THINK PUBLICATION WOULD ENDANGER YOUR SAFETY, ADD THEM.]

12. Should the Court deny my request to be exempted from the publication requirement, I request that the Court's order permit that notice shall be published in _____ (newspaper), a designated newspaper in the County of _____. The reason for such request is that it would result in financial hardship for me to publish in a newspaper that charges more expensive rates.
13. Should the Court find this petition deficient in any aspect, I respectfully request leave to renew the application with additional information as the Court may require.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner respectfully prays that an Order be granted permitting this requested change of name.

Date

Petitioner's Signature

VERIFICATION

State of New York

County of _____

_____, being duly sworn, says that I am the petitioner named above, that petitioner has read the petition and knows the truth of the contents thereof except for matters alleged to be on information and belief, and as to those matters, petitioner believes them to be true.

Sworn to before me this

____ day of _____, 200__

Notary Public