

## NAME CHANGE – ADULTS

There is a \$105.00 fee to file a name change with the court and a \$105.00 fee for a party to object to the name change.

Packets with forms and instructions can be purchased from local stationary stores or found at the [Deschutes County Circuit Court website](#). Be sure the forms for the name change process comply with the Oregon Statutes.

The whole process will take about 2 months

### Initial Starting Documents

#### ***Petition for Name Change***

#### ***Order to Show Cause***

These are filed, given a case number, and sent to the Judge.

Once the ***Order to Show Cause*** is signed it is forwarded to the scheduler for a hearing date.

You will receive the date and time of the hearing in the mail.

Use that information to put onto the ***Notice of Change of Name Hearing*** and Post it for 14 days.

There is a bulletin board used for posting notices in the old Courthouse (1164 NW Bond).

**(The form must be posted for at least 14 days before the Judge signs the *General Judgment of Name Change*.)**

### At the Change of Name Hearing

Please bring the following documents to court:

#### ***Notice of Change of Name Hearing***

***Affidavit of Proof of Posting Notice of Hearing*** (swearing you did do the required posting)

#### ***General Judgment of Name Change***

The hearing is the time for people to object.

If no one objects and these documents have been filed, the judgment can be signed.

Once the judgment has been signed your new name is in effect.

### Final Posting

After the Judge signs the ***General Judgment of Name Change*** you will be required to post your final notice - ***Notice of Change of Name***.

This is posted for the amount of days the Judge fills in on the judgment (between 7-20 days) and should be posted on the same bulletin board in the Courthouse that you posted your first notice.

### Final Steps

An ***Affidavit of Proof of Posting Name Change*** will need to be filed with the Court before a certified copy of the Judgment can be issued. The Judgment is your proof that your name has been legally changed. Additional copies of the Judgment will cost \$5.25 each.

If you have questions please call 388-5300 ext 2070 or 2080.