

**FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI TRIBAL COURT
INSTRUCTIONS FOR NAME CHANGE**

1. Obtain Name Change Petition from the Clerk of Court.
2. Complete the Petition.
3. If the Petition is for a child under the age of 14, both parents must sign the petition unless:
 - a. One parent is deceased, provide death Certificate when filing; or
 - b. If only the mother is petitioning and paternity has not been established; or
 - c. The non-petitioning parent is noticed of the proceeding and given an opportunity to object; or
 - d. Both parents are deceased, provide death Certificates when filing; then a guardian may petition.
4. Submit Petition with \$60 filing fee and Certified copy of your birth certificate to the Clerk.
5. Clerk will provide you with a hearing notice.
6. The hearing notice must be published in:
 - a. The Potawatomi Traveling Times AND
 - b. A local paper of general circulation in the municipality where you live. Examples:

Crandon, Carter & Wabeno – Forest Republican
Rhinelanders – Rhinelanders Daily News
Wabeno – Wausau Daily Herald
7. Tell the newspaper you want the hearing notice published as a CLASS 2 notice. The hearing notice must be published two times before your court date. You are responsible for the cost of publishing the notice.
8. Come to court at the time and day of the hearing. Bring proof of publication from the newspaper with you to Court.

FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI TRIBAL COURT

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE #: _____

Last, First M.I.

D.O.B.: _____

PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

The Petition for name change of _____

by _____ respectfully alleges and shows to the Court:
(Name of petitioner, parent(s), or legal guardian)

1. That the Petitioner who is the subject of the name change

Resides at: _____
Address, City, State, Zip Code

Phone Number: _____ Social Security #: _____

2. That the Petitioner desires a name change

Of: _____
Last, First M.I.

To: _____
Last, First M.I.

For the reason of:

3. That the Petitioner is not engaged in any profession for which a license has been issued by the Forest County Potawatomi Community Indian Tribe or the State of Wisconsin.

4. That the Petitioner believes that the said change of name and designation will, under the circumstances, be an advantage and convenience in the Petitioner's business and day to day activities, and further be in the Petitioner's best interest.

5. WHEREFORE, The Petitioner asks the Court to enter an ORDER changing the name

Of:

Last, First M.I.

To:

Last, First M.I.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____

Petitioner

(Parent(s) or legal guardian for those 18 and younger)