

INFORMATION FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE IN DAVIDSON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT

In accordance with T.C.A. § 29-8-102, you must be a resident of Davidson County, Tennessee to petition for a name change in Davidson County Chancery Court.

A form Petition for an adult name change is available in the Office of the Clerk and Master or may be downloaded from chanceryclerkandmaster.nashville.gov.

Chancery Court requires the Petition to first be filed. The case is randomly assigned to one of the Chancellors once it is filed. The Chancellor's chambers staff schedules the name change hearing. You will be notified of the date the Petition is set for hearing.

DOCUMENTS TO BRING WITH YOU

1. Completed Petition form for an adult name change.
2. A copy of your birth certificate.
3. Photo identification such as a driver's license, passport, or comparable official photo identification.
4. Social Security card or naturalization document.
5. Proof of residency in Davidson County. Such proof may be a current lease, payroll stub, recent utility bill, or similar document.

The filing fee is \$159.50. The filing fee covers two certified copies of the Court Order changing your name. Payment may be cash or cashier's check. A personal check is not accepted. Credit/debit card payment accepted with an additional convenience fee. This convenience fee is collected by a third-party processor and is not paid to the Clerk and Master's Office or the Metropolitan Government of Nashville.

The information provided by the Clerk and Master's Office regarding a name change Petition is a general guide, and not intended to cover every possible name change scenario. The granting of a name change, including what documents are sufficient, is a decision made by the Chancellor. The Clerk and Master's Office is prohibited from providing legal advice, other than the advice to seek the assistance of an attorney.