

INFORMATION SHEET 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 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. Once filed, the case is randomly assigned to one of the Chancellors. You are then notified of the date the petition is set for hearing. The hearing date is usually within three to four weeks after the petition is filed.

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 photo identification).
4. Social security card.
5. Proof of residency in Davidson County. Such proof may be a current lease, payroll stub, recent utility bill or similar document.
6. \$159.50 cash, cashier's check (no personal check accepted) and major credit cards accepted with an added 2.3% fee. This filing fee covers two certified copies of the court order changing your name.

The information provided by the Clerk and Master's Office regarding name change petitions 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.