

LOCAL RULE 93.1**CHANGE OF NAME**

Whenever an application to change the name of a minor is filed without the consent of the natural parent(s), a hearing shall be required. Notice of the application shall be made in accordance with Civil Rule 73 as the Court may require. A certified copy of the minor's birth certificate or other proof of paternity shall be filed with the Court with an application for minor name change pursuant to R.C. 2717.01.

The Court may seal a name change upon request, in extra-ordinary circumstances.

COMMENT

Extra-Ordinary circumstances may be found if sealing is necessary to protect the safety of the applicant(s). A name change of a minor easily discoverable is NOT an extra-ordinary circumstance. Proof of a Protection Order is one indicator but not conclusive.