

**KEWEENAW BAY TRIBAL COURT**  
**Mail: 16429 Bear Town Road**  
**Location: 427 N. Superior Avenue**  
**BARAGA, MI 49908**

**PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE**

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

In the matter of the change of name of \_\_\_\_\_  
Present first name(s), middle name(s), and last name(s) (type or print)

to \_\_\_\_\_  
Requested new first name(s), middle name(s), and last name(s) (type or print)

1. The change of name is for:
  - a. A married person who wishes to also include a name change for:
    - his/her spouse
    - his/her minor child/children of whom the petitioner has legal custody.
  - b. An adult
  - c. A minor, whose natural or adopted parents are: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (mother) \_\_\_\_\_ (father)
2. The change of name being the following reason: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. The change of name is not sought for any fraudulent intent.
4. Each person for whom a name change is sought is an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe.

**(Complete item 5 only if the change of name is for a minor. Please continue with page 2 for remainder of petition.)**

5.  I have legal custody of the minor.
  - a.  the minor is subjected to the continuing jurisdiction of another court: \_\_\_\_\_  
(name) \_\_\_\_\_ (location) \_\_\_\_\_  
in the case titled \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The non-custodial parent has had the ability to visit, contact, communicate with the child/children and has regularly and substantially failed or neglected to do so for a period of two years or more, before the filing of this petition.  
**and either**  
 A support order has been entered, and the non-custodial parent has failed to substantially comply with the order for a period of two years or more, before the filing of this petition.  
**or**  
 A support order has not been entered and the non-custodial parent, having the ability to support the child/children, has failed or neglected to provide regular and substantial support for two years or more, before the filing of this petition.

c. The last known address of the non-custodial parent is: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. I request the following name change(s): (state first name, middle name, and last name)

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
Petitioner _____	_____
Spouse _____	_____
Minor child _____	_____
Minor child _____	_____
Minor child _____	_____
Minor child _____	_____

I declare that this petition has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State and Zip Code  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State and Zip Code  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

7. I am the spouse of the petitioner and consent to the granting of this petition to change my name.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Signature

8. I am a minor and consent to the granting of this petition to change my name.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Minor's Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Minor's Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Minor's Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Minor's Signature

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**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR NAME CHANGE**

**Every person 22 years of age or older whose name appears on the Petition for Name Change must follow these instructions before the Court can act on the petition.**

Under KBIC Tribal law, every person 22 years of age or older who is requesting a name change must have a complete set of fingerprints taken at a local police agency. Those fingerprints will be used by the Michigan State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation to check criminal records. The Michigan State Police will send a report to the Court regarding any criminal records.

If you have a criminal record, it will be presumed that you are seeking the name change with fraudulent intent. You must prove to the Court that the name change is not being sought with fraudulent intent.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. File Petition for Name Change with Tribal Court and pay filing fee.
2. Make 1 copy of the completed Petition for Name Change.
3. Go to the Michigan State Police agency for the fingerprint card and to have your fingerprints taken. They will advise you of the appropriate fee. Take a copy of the Petition for Name Change with you.
4. After you have had your fingerprints taken, mail or deliver the copy of the Petition for Name Change, the fingerprint card, and the appropriate fee to the Michigan State Police. The fee must be made payable to the State of Michigan. Mail or deliver to:

Michigan State Police  
Criminal Justice Information Center  
7150 Harris Drive  
Lansing, Michigan 48913

5. The Michigan State Police will review their criminal records and will forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Once the Federal Bureau of Investigation has reviewed their records and reported the information to the Michigan State Police, the Michigan State Police will send a report to the Court.
  6. After the Court receives the required report from the Michigan State Police, the Court can schedule a hearing on your Petition for Name Change.
- The Court will mail you a notice when the required report is received. You must give the Court a pre-addressed, postage paid envelope for mailing this notice.
  - Contact the Court eight weeks after you mail or deliver you fingerprint card to the Michigan State Police to find out if the required report has been received.