

INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR ADULT NAME CHANGE HEARING

Try to arrive at your hearing at least 15 minutes before your hearing is scheduled. Once you arrive at the courtroom for your hearing, you should ask the clerk of the district court how to let the judge know you are there for your hearing to change your name.

The court may ask to review your Decree of Name Change before the hearing, so have that document prepared, along with one copy.

When the court calls your case, you will be asked if you are ready to proceed. You must tell the court that you are ready and would like to testify. You will be asked to take the stand and the judge will give you an oath to tell the truth. You are then ready to go forward with your case.

You must testify to the following.

1. *My name is*

2. *I have lived in* _____, _____ *County,*
(city where you are currently living) (county where petition filed)
Nebraska for at least one year before I filed the petition to change my name.

3. *I wish to change my name from:*

*my current name, to my preferred **new** name of:*

4. *I am changing my name for the following reason(s):*

5. *I ask the court to take judicial notice of the Affidavit of Publication.*

6. *I have nothing further your Honor.*