



Helpful Links:

- <http://www.legalhelpwy.org/> Type “adult name change” into the search bar and click the link titled “Adult Name Change.” Print everything located in the Forms box. You may not need the forms requesting a Court Hearing or the forms for Victims of Domestic Abuse.
- <https://www.courts.state.wy.us/district-courts/district-court-locations/> Search for your judicial district using this resource.

Hello!

My name is Ender Collins. I am a trans man, my pronouns are he/him, and I have been a lifelong resident of Casper, Wyoming since 1999. Welcome to my condensed name change process documentation. My name change took place in Natrona County in 2017 and took four months to complete due to lack of guidance. The process generally takes between two and four months, though that may depend on many factors. The dates listed in my documentation are accompanied by a description to give you a better idea of how long each step may take. For budgeting purposes, the entire process cost \$427.90.

Adult Name Change Process Documentation

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Please keep in mind, this was my experience in 2017. You may have a different experience, even if you live in Natrona County. Please consult a legal professional if you have questions pertaining to your location outside of this County. I am not a legal professional, and therefore cannot provide legal advice. However, please feel free to contact me at the email below with any general questions you may have. I will answer to the best of my ability.



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General Guidelines

To begin, follow the directions in the “Helpful Links” section of this brochure to print all documents. Fill out the top section of all documents, leaving empty the blanks labeled, “Defendant,” “Docket #,” “Civil Action Case No.” This information will either be given to you by the County Clerk or will not be relevant in this case.

- Your current, legal, birth name is the name in which you are to use when filling in blanks labeled, “Current Full Name.” The name you are changing to will fill in on the blanks labeled, “Desired Full Name.”
- You cannot use a PO box as your address, as you need to verify your residence.
- As you check off the nature of suit on your Civil Cover Sheet, I recommend checking “Name Change” instead of other options.
- Use the second resource in “Helpful Links” to find your judicial district number.
- The day your residence began may be your birthday!
- Sign all documents using your current legal signature. Leave blank all sections labeled “Verification.”

- You must notarize all documents prior to filing with the County Clerk. To speed up the process, have all documents filled out and notarized prior to your first visit. File your Civil Cover Sheet and Verified Petition for Adult Change of Name at the same time.
- Wyoming requires all name changes to be published once a week for four weeks. I recommend going to the newspaper straight after filing. Your first two documents.

Quick Timeline

Let’s say you planned to start your name change process on October 18th, 2017. This timeline will follow the process and estimated wait times based on this date.

- Oct 17th: Notarize documents.
- Oct 18th: Pay to file the Civil Cover Sheet and Verified Petition for Adult Change of Name. Pay for your legal notice to publish once weekly for four weeks. Let’s say you pay to publish on Tuesdays. They will be published on Oct 24th, 31st, Nov 7th, and 14th.
- You must wait thirty days after your final publish for objections to occur. While you wait, watch your mailbox for an Affidavit from the paper. This needs to be filed. If you have not already, fill out the Order Granting Change of Name and file it.

- Dec 14th: Thirty days after your final publish. Your judge will review your case and notify you of a decision within time. You may be called to a court hearing to complete your name change. Once your name has been legalized, I recommend purchasing at least five verified copies to present to businesses and companies requiring notice.

After Legalization

You are responsible for notifying all parties of your legal name change. School records, insurance plans, bill companies, credit card companies, doctor’s offices, library card, etc. You may get a new ID/Driver’s License prior to obtaining your new Social Security card, so long as you are able to present other forms of valid identification required by the DMV. Please visit their website for a full list of required documents when obtaining a new identification card.

If you would like the full, fleshed out documentation of my personal name change process, please do not hesitate to contact the email listed on this brochure. I am more than happy to provide more details, answer questions, or walk you through the process. Good luck! You’ll do well.

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