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Tuscarawas County
Health Department

Information on Name Changes or Corrections

Let's start out by saying that changing anything on a birth or death certificate can be very confusing. If you have any question, give us a call at 330-343-5555 x125.

Your first step in this process is to contact Probate Court in the county you now reside in. If you reside in Tuscarawas County the Tuscarawas County Probate Court can be reached at 330-364-8811.

In Ohio, all court ordered name changes are attachments to the existing birth certificate. The original birth certificate does not change. When you request a copy of a birth certificate, you will receive a computerized birth abstract showing the name change. There will be a note at the bottom of the certificate indicating that the name was legally changed. This legal change of name will be accepted as such by all agencies, such as passport office, etc.

When a name change has been granted by a probate court in Ohio to a person whose birth happened after December 20, 1908, a certified copy of the court ordered legal change of name needs to be sent to the Ohio Department of Health. When a legal change of name has been granted to person whose birth occurred prior to December 20, 1908, or no birth certificate has been recorded in the Office of Vital Statistics, a certified copy of the delayed birth registration also needs to accompany the court ordered name change. In Ohio, delayed birth registrations are done in probate court.

When a name change has been granted by a court outside of Ohio, that court must be comparable to county probate courts in Ohio. Once again, a certified copy of the legal name change must be sent to the Ohio Department of Health. If no birth certificate has been recorded, then a delayed birth registration must be done by a probate court in Ohio before a name can be changed.

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