

NAME CHANGE ORDINANCE

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§ 8.700 JURISDICTION; POLICY; GROUNDS

Application for change of name of a person who is a tribal member or eligible to be enrolled as a tribal member may be heard and determined by the Siletz Tribal court. The change of name shall be granted by the court unless the court finds that the change is not consistent with the public interest. It is the public policy of the Siletz Tribe that family connections, including names, should be preserved where possible. As a result, it is the policy of the Siletz Tribe that name changes under this Ordinance shall not be granted for any Siletz child who is the subject of a guardianship order, including an order for permanent guardianship. Name changes may be granted by the Tribal Court where appropriate when a Siletz child is the subject of a customary adoption or state-granted adoption.

[Amended by Resolution No. 2017-303, dated September 14, 2017]

§ 8.701 NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND DECREE; CERTIFICATE; MINOR CHILDREN

Unless the requested name change is contained in a separate petition for a separate proceeding where a name change would be appropriate, e.g., an adoption or a divorce, the court

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shall require fourteen (14) days tribal public notice of the application to be given before decreeing a change of name to give all persons an opportunity to show cause why the same should not be granted. The court shall also require fourteen (14) days tribal public notice to be given after a name change decree is signed, and on return of proof thereof may grant certificate, under the seal of the court, of the name the person is to have, which shall thereafter be the legal name of the person.

§ 8.702 APPLICATION BY EMANCIPATED MINOR CHILD; COURT CONFERENCE

When an emancipated minor child applies for a change of name, the court may, upon its own motion, confer with the child and may exclude from the conference the parents and other persons if the court finds that such action would be in the best interests of the child. However, the court shall permit a spokesperson for the child to attend the conference, and the conference shall be recorded.

[Amended by Resolution No. 2017-338, dated October 20, 2017]

§ 8.703 APPLICATION BY UNEMANCIPATED MINOR CHILD

The court will not grant name changes to unemancipated minor children, unless such name change is contained in a separate petition for a separate proceeding where a name change would be appropriate, e.g., an adoption or a divorce.