

Checklist

Joint Declaration of Paternity

Filing Fees

Court Costs: \$98.00

Requirements

You may apply for a Joint Declaration of Paternity:

1. Only in the probate court in the county where the alleged father lives if he is a resident of Ohio. If the alleged father is not a resident of Ohio, the Joint Declaration of Paternity can be filed in any probate court in the state of Ohio;
2. Only if the adult child was born in Ohio and the adult child's birth certificate does not designate anyone as their father;
3. Only if the adult child is twenty-three years old or older;
4. Only if the alleged father, adult child, and adult child's mother all freely and voluntarily sign the Joint Declaration. If the adult child's mother is deceased or has been declared incompetent, the alleged father and adult child can file the Joint Declaration of Paternity without the adult child's mother; and
5. Only if genetic testing as defined in R.C. 3111.09 shows that the man is the adult child's father.

Initial Filing

___ A Joint Declaration of Paternity signed by the alleged father, the adult child and the adult child's mother if alive and competent;

___ A certified copy of the adult child's Ohio birth certificate must be submitted;

___ Genetic testing as defined in R.C. 3111.09 showing the man to be the adult child's father;

___ If the adult child's mother is deceased, a copy of the death certificate. If the mother has been declared incompetent, a copy of the guardianship letters of authority.

**PROBATE COURT OF LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO
JACK R. PUFFENBERGER, JUDGE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE DECLARATION OF _____
Name of Alleged Father
CASE NO.: _____

**JOINT DECLARATION OF PATERNITY
(RC 2105.25)**

The Declarants petition the Court for an order declaring _____
Alleged Father
to be the father of _____, his adult child age 23 years or older.
Adult Child

The Declarants state that:

- (a) The request is being freely and voluntarily made;
- (b) The adult child's birth certificate is attached and does not designate anyone as father;
- (c) The genetic test results are attached and confirm this declaration;
- (d) If the adult child's mother is unable to appear because of death or incompetence, her death certificate or guardianship letters of authority are attached; and
- (e) It is in the best interests of both the man applying to be declared to be the father and the adult child that the requested order be issued.

Signature of Alleged Father

Signature of Adult Child

Alleged Father's Printed Name

Adult Child's Printed Name

Alleged Father's Address

Adult Child's Address

City, State, Zip Code

City, State, Zip Code

Telephone Number

Telephone Number

Signature of Child's Mother, if appearing

Printed Name of Child's Mother, if appearing

Address of Child's Mother, if appearing

City, State, Zip Code

Telephone Number

**PROBATE COURT OF LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO
JACK R. PUFFENBERGER, JUDGE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE DECLARATION OF _____
Name of Alleged Father
CASE NO.: _____

**ORDER AFFIRMING JOINT DECLARATION
(RC 2105.26)**

Upon the appearance of the Joint Declarants and after hearing, the Court makes the following findings:

- (1) The Joint Declaration of Paternity was freely and voluntarily requested;
- (2) No person is designated as the father on the adult child's birth certificate;
- (3) Genetic test results show that the man is the father of the adult child;
- (4) It is in the best interests of the man and the adult child that this Order be issued.

Based on the above, the Court orders that the birth certificate of _____ be changed to designate _____ as the adult child's father.

This Order excludes child support.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Judge Jack R. Puffenberger

**PROBATE COURT OF LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO
JACK R. PUFFENBERGER, JUDGE**

IN THE MATTER OF: _____

CASE NO. _____

NEW CASE INFORMATION STATEMENT

ATTORNEY OF RECORD TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SECTION

THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFIES THAT THIS CASE IS, IS NOT RELATED TO ANY CASE NOW PENDING IN ANY JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

CASE NUMBER OF RELATED CASE _____

DESCRIPTION AND JURISDICTION OF RELATED CASE _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- CORRECTION/REGISTRATION OF BIRTH DISINTERMENT TRUSTS MINOR SETTLEMENT
 NAME CHANGE
 OTHER _____

STATEMENT OF PERMANENT ADDRESS

The following address is my permanent address. I understand that I am required to notify the Court of any change in my address and that the Court is authorized to remove me if I fail to comply with this requirement.

Signature, Attorney of Record

Signature, Applicant

Print Attorney Name

Print Applicant Name

Address

Address

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Phone Number

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Phone Number

Ohio Supreme Court ID Number

Ohio Supreme Court ID Number

E-Mail Address

E-Mail Address