

**BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBAL COURT
INSTRUCTIONS FOR
NAME CHANGE/NAME VERIFICATION
PETITION**

DIRECTIONS: The PLAINTIFF is the person filing the PETITION.

- (1) Enter the name of the Plaintiff (person filing).
- (2) Check the box that applies to your request (Name Change or Name Verification).
- (3) Enter the correct name(s) in either the name change section **OR** the name verification section.
- (4) Enter Date and Place of Birth.
- (5) Enter name to swear information you are providing is true and correct.
- (6) Date and Sign (include address and phone number).
- (7) The Court Clerk will sign and date the paperwork after the fee is paid.
- (8) The Court Clerk will File the paperwork and give you a copy.

You will need a copy of the birth certificate when filing for either Name Change or Name Verification. You will also need Identification (CA Driver's License or Tribal ID). If you are filing a petition for a Name Change you will need to see Section 5 of the Ordinance:

Section 5. Notice (Name Change Only)

- A. Notice of the petition shall be posted and published and proof of notice shall be filed with the tribal court prior to a hearing on the petition. The notice shall be in such form as the tribal court may direct and shall state the nature of the application and the time and place for hearing.
- B. B. Notice shall be published once at least ten days prior to the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the community in which the person whose name is to be changed resides. For persons residing on the Bishop Paiute Reservation, notice shall be published in the Inyo Register and the newsletter of general circulation to the membership, if one shall be established and circulated at least on a weekly basis. Notice shall also be posted in the tribal community building and three other conspicuous places on the reservation.
- C. C. Proof of notice shall consist of an affidavit of printing from the newspaper in which the notice was published and an affidavit of posting by the person who posted notice describing where and when notice was posted.