

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**  
TERRE L. VANDERVOORT, JUDGE

**ADOPTION OF** \_\_\_\_\_

(Name after Adoption)

**CASE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION**

Notice must be served not less than 30 days before the date of the hearing  
**[R.C. 3107.11]**

To:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

You are hereby notified that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
filed in this Court a Petition for Adoption of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor, whose date of birth is  
\_\_\_\_\_, and for change of the name of the minor to \_\_\_\_\_.

The Fairfield County Probate Court, located at 224 E. Main St. Third Floor, Lancaster, OH 43130, will hear the petition on  
the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_.M.

It is alleged in the petition, pursuant to R.C. 3107.07, that the consent of \_\_\_\_\_  
is not required due to the following: (Name)

- That person is a parent who has failed without justifiable cause to have more than de minimis contact with the minor for a period of one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition.
  
- That person is a parent who has failed without justifiable cause to provide meaningful and regular maintenance and support of the minor as required by law or judicial decree for a period of one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition.
  
- The person meets criteria set forth under subsection \_\_\_\_\_ of R.C. 3107.07 and therefore the person's consent is not required.

**“A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION, IF GRANTED, WILL TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO CONTACT THE MINOR. ALL LEGAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE MINOR AND YOU AND YOUR RELATIVES WILL TERMINATE, SO THAT THE MINOR IS A STRANGER TO YOU AND YOUR RELATIVES FOR ALL PURPOSES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DIVISION (A)(1)(b) OF SECTION 3107.15 OF THE REVISED CODE.**

**IF YOU OBJECT TO THE ADOPTION, AND THE MINOR WAS LESS THAN ONE YEAR OF AGE AT THE TIME THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED, YOU MUST DO BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- (1) FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION WITH THE COURT WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SERVICE OF NOTICE OF THE FILING OF THE PETITION AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING.**
- (2) APPEAR AT THE HEARING.**

**IF YOU OBJECT TO THE ADOPTION, AND THE MINOR WAS ONE YEAR OF AGE OR OLDER AT THE TIME THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED, YOU MUST DO BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- (1) FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION WITH THE COURT WITHIN TWENTY-EIGHT DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SERVICE OF NOTICE OF THE FILING OF THE PETITION AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING. FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, THE COURT MAY EXTEND THE TIME IN WHICH A WRITTEN OBJECTION MAY BE FILED.**
- (2) APPEAR AT THE HEARING.**

**A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION MAY BE ENTERED IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION ON TIME AND APPEAR AT THE HEARING.**

**RIGHT TO AN ATTORNEY: YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU ARE INDIGENT AND UNABLE TO EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY, YOU ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY PROVIDED FOR YOU PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 120 OF THE REVISED CODE. YOU MUST CONTACT THE COURT ON RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE IF YOU ARE REQUESTING THAT AN ATTORNEY BE APPOINTED FOR YOU. YOU MAY CONTACT THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY PROBATE COURT AT (740) 652-7485**

**THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR AN ATTORNEY OR A NOTICE OF APPEARANCE FILED BY AN ATTORNEY ON YOUR BEHALF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TIME FRAMES, AS GROUNDS FOR AN EXTENSION TO FILE WRITTEN OBJECTIONS.”**

**JUDGE TERRE L. VANDERVOORT**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

The State of Ohio, Fairfield County Probate Court

I hereby certify that I caused a copy of the within notice to be mailed, by certified mail, to the last known address of:

At \_\_\_\_\_

At \_\_\_\_\_

JUDGE TERRE L. VANDERVOORT

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

**RETURN**

Fairfield County, Ohio  
\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

Received this writ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock  
\_\_\_\_\_.M., and on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, I served the same by delivering a  
true copy thereof personally to \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Process Server  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Sheriff/Law Enforcement Officer

**FEES**

Service and Return, first name      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Additional names, at                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Miles traveled, at                        \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Total    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Name  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title