

PROBATE COURT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO
JEFFREY D. MACKEY, JUDGE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF _____
Name after adoption

CASE NO. _____

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION

Notice must be served not less than 20 days before the date of the hearing.
[R.C. 3107.11]

To: _____
(Give Names and Addresses)

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
_____. This Court, located at
373 South High Street, 22nd Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-6311, 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 provide more than de minimis contact with the minor for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or placement of the minor in the home of the petitioner.
- That person is a parent who has failed without justifiable cause to provide for the maintenance and support of the minor as required by law or judicial decree for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or the placement of the minor in the home of the petitioner.
- State other grounds under R.C. 3107.07 (includes putative father of the minor born prior to January 1, 1997).

"A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION, IF GRANTED, WILL RELIEVE YOU OF ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO CONTACT THE MINOR, AND EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO A SPOUSE OF THE ADOPTION PETITIONER AND RELATIVES OF THAT SPOUSE, TERMINATE ALL LEGAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE MINOR AND YOU AND THE MINOR'S OTHER RELATIVES, SO THAT THE MINOR THEREAFTER IS A STRANGER TO YOU AND THE MINOR'S FORMER RELATIVES FOR ALL PURPOSES.

IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE PETITION WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER PROOF OF SERVICE OF NOTICE OF THE FILING OF THE PETITION AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING IS GIVEN TO YOU. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST ALSO APPEAR AT THE HEARING. A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION MAY BE ENTERED IF YOU FAIL TO FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE ADOPTION PETITION OR APPEAR AT THE HEARING."

By: _____
Signature Page Attached
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF BIRTH PARENT'S RIGHT TO AN ATTORNEY

On December 22, 2020, the Supreme Court of Ohio stated “indigent parents are entitled to counsel in adoption proceedings in probate court as a matter of equal protection of the law under the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 2 of the Ohio Constitution.” In re Adoption of Y.E.F., Slip Opinion No. 2020-Ohio-6785, ¶ 33.

If you are a birth parent who cannot afford to pay an attorney to represent you in this adoption case, an attorney may be appointed for you at no cost to you if you show that you are indigent. You must request and complete an “Application of Indigency” from this court as soon as possible to begin the process.

To request an attorney, please contact the Franklin County Probate Court Adoption Department at 373 S. High Street, Floor 22, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or via email to adoptions-department@franklincountyohio.gov no later than ten (10) calendar days before the date of the scheduled hearing listed on the enclosed Notice of Petition. Please include your name and current mailing address when you send your request so the application can be mailed to you promptly.