

STATE OF INDIANA)
)
ELKHART COUNTY)

IN THE ELKHART SUPERIOR COURT 6

CASE NO. _____

IN RE THE PATERNITY OF: _____
Child's Name

Name of the Person Filing
Select One: Mother Father
 Other: _____

And

Name of the Other Person
Select One: Mother Father
 Other: _____

**VERIFIED PETITION TO ADJUDICATE PATERNITY WHEN PATERNITY
ESTABLISHED BY AFFIDAVIT**

Comes now _____, self-represented, and requests that the

Court adjudicate paternity and: establish custody;
 establish child support;
 establish parenting time;
 allocate the use of federal and state income tax exemptions;

and in support thereof states as follows:

1. _____ and _____ are
the parents of _____, age ____ years
/ months.

2. Father, _____, established paternity of the child pursuant to
IC 16-37-2-2.1 by executing a Paternity Affidavit shortly after the time of the child's birth, and
father is listed on the child's Birth Certificate.

3. Father / Mother / Other: _____
requests that the Court adjudicate _____ the father of
_____.

4. Father / Mother / Other: _____ further
requests that the Court enter appropriate orders for the following:

A. Custody and care of the minor child.

The parents shall have joint legal custody over the minor child(ren) with **Mother**/
 Father being the primary custodial parent.

Mother / **Father** shall have sole legal custody of the minor child(ren) and shall
be the primary custodial parent.

Other: _____

B. Parenting Time

Parenting time with the minor child(ren) shall be as follows:

Mother / **Father** shall have parenting time with the minor child(ren), at a
minimum, as set out by the Indiana Parenting Time Guidelines.

It is in the best interests of the minor child(ren) to follow a parenting time schedule
that does NOT follow the Indiana Parenting Time Guidelines. Parenting time with
the minor child(ren) shall be as follows:

Other:

C. Child Support

Mother / **Father** will pay child support in the amount of \$ _____ per week
as shown by the attached child support worksheet, beginning on the first Friday following the
date of the Decree. All support payments shall be made through direct deposit, the Way2Go
Mastercard Debit Card, check/money order/cashier's check sent to the Indiana State Central
Collection Unit (PO Box 7130, Indianapolis, IN 46207-7130), by online credit/debit card
payment, or with cash at the County Clerk's Office, MoneyGram location, or PayNearMe

location. The Court shall issue an immediately activated Income Withholding Order pursuant to IC 31-16-15 to any employer or income provider of the child support Obligor.

Mother / **Father** shall be responsible for all controlled expenses related to upbringing of the minor child(ren).

Mother / **Father** will be responsible for the first _____ of annual uninsured health and medical, dental, optical, hospital, and prescription expenses for the minor child(ren). Thereafter, **Mother**/ **Father** shall be responsible for _____% of annual uninsured medical expenses for the minor child(ren), and **Mother** / **Father** shall be responsible for _____% of annual uninsured medical expenses for the minor child(ren).

Mother / **Father** will be responsible to pay a child support arrearage in the amount of \$ _____ which has accrued during the pendency of this proceeding. Such arrearage shall be paid in the periodic amount of \$ _____ per week in addition to the current support rendered above, until such arrearage has been satisfied.

Other:

D. Health Insurance

The provisions for health insurance shall be as follows:

Mother / **Father** shall maintain medical, dental, and optical insurance as available through employment, or Health Insurance Marketplace, or by government provided insurance for the minor child(ren).

Health insurance is not available to either parent at a reasonable cost, therefore, neither party is ordered to provide health insurance at this time. In the event that health insurance for the child(ren) becomes available at a reasonable cost to one or both of the parents, the parent to whom such coverage is available shall obtain coverage for the child(ren) within

a reasonable time after such coverage becomes available.

Other:

1. **E. Taxes**

The arrangement for claiming the tax credits, exemptions, and deductions for the minor child(ren) shall be as follows:

Mother / **Father** shall be entitled to claim the minor child(ren) for federal, state, and local income tax purposes on an annual basis. The parents shall cooperate and sign all necessary documents that will allow the party claiming the exemptions to do so.

Mother and Father shall each be entitled to claim the minor child(ren) for federal, state, and local income tax purposes in alternating years.

Mother shall be entitled to claim the minor child(ren) in the year _____, and every _____ year thereafter.

Father shall be entitled to claim the minor child(ren) in the year _____, and every _____ year thereafter.

The parents shall cooperate to sign all necessary documents that will allow the party claiming the exemption to do so.

Other:

Wherefore, _____ respectfully requests that the court adjudicate _____ the father of _____, enter all appropriate orders related to parenting time, custody, and support, and all other relief deemed proper in the premises.

I affirm under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing representations are true.

/s/

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Email Address

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I sent a copy of this Petition to the other person's attorney, or to the other person if they are not represented by an attorney, via:

- Registered mail at this address: _____
- Certified mail at this address: _____
- Sheriff _____
- Other: _____

/s/

Signature

Date