

Petition for Alternative Relinquishment of Putative Father Checklist

To Be Filed Simultaneously or Prior to Involuntary Filing:

- ___ Report of Intention to Adopt (not required in family member adoptions)
- ___ Petition for Adoption
- ___ Petition to Confirm Consents of Birth Mother

To Be Attached to the Petition in the order they appear:

- ___ Preliminary Decree
- ___ Final Decree
- ___ Important Notice
- ___ Petition for Alternative Relinquishment
 - ___ Signed by Attorney for Petitioner
 - ___ Verified by Petitioner
 - ___ *Petitioner is Adoptive Parent or Intermediary*
- ___ Documentation regarding putative father's opportunities to execute a consent
- ___ Documentation regarding No Acknowledgement of Paternity
- ___ Birth Certificate or Documentation of Birth (including time of birth)

After Hearing is Scheduled:

- ___ Notice Pursuant to 23 Pa. C.S.A 2513(b) to Birth Parents
 - ___ at least 10 days' notice by personal service, OR
 - ___ Registered Mail, OR
 - ___ By such means as the Court may require
- ___ Proof of Notice – *to be filed at or before the hearing*

Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County Orphans' Court Division
ADOPTION TERMINATION PETITION COVER SHEET

1A. ORPHANS' COURT CASE # (if known):	2. JUVENILE COURT CASE # (if applicable): Date of Shelter Care Order:
3. NAME OF CHILD/PROPOSED ADOPTEE 3A. DATE OF BIRTH:	3B. COUNSEL/GAL FOR CHILD (NAME, ADDRESS, AOPC #, E-MAIL AND PHONE NUMBER) <input type="checkbox"/> Counsel should be appointed by Orphans' Court (Please select if there may be a contest to termination, or if you otherwise recommend Counsel for the child) Reason Counsel is requested:
4. NAME AND ADDRESS OF BIRTH MOTHER	4A. BIRTH MOTHER'S COUNSEL (NAME, ADDRESS, AOPC #, E-MAIL AND PHONE NUMBER) <input type="checkbox"/> Counsel was appointed by Juvenile Court and should continue <input type="checkbox"/> New Counsel should be appointed by Orphans' Court
5. NAME AND ADDRESS OF BIRTH FATHER	5A. BIRTH FATHER'S COUNSEL (NAME, ADDRESS, AOPC #, E-MAIL AND PHONE NUMBER) <input type="checkbox"/> Counsel was appointed by Juvenile Court and should continue <input type="checkbox"/> New Counsel should be appointed by Orphans' Court
6. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PUTATIVE BIRTH FATHER(S) (ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)	
7. COUNSEL FOR PETITIONER (NAME, ADDRESS, E-MAIL, PHONE AND AOPC#)	
8. To the Clerk of the Orphans' Court: Kindly Enter My Appearance on behalf <input type="checkbox"/> the Petitioner or <input type="checkbox"/> the Child Identified Above. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY : _____ DATE: _____	
9. OTHER PARTIES: PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET LISTING THE NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR EACH UNREPRESENTED PARTY, AND THE NAME OF EACH REPRESENTED PARTY, TOGETHER WITH THE NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF EACH PARTY'S ATTORNEY OF RECORD, UNLESS PROVIDED ABOVE	
10. PLEADING OR DOCUMENT FILED: <input type="checkbox"/> Petition for Involuntary Termination (with Permanency Review Hearing Requesting Goal Change) <input type="checkbox"/> Petition for Involuntary Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Petition for Voluntary Relinquishment <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Confirm Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Petition for Alternative Relinquishment of Putative Father <input type="checkbox"/> Petition for Alternative Notice under Rule 15.6(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Petition for Approval of Voluntary Contact Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary Contact Agreement	
11. HEARING REQUESTED: (Short List allows 15 minutes per matter; Half and Full Day may require a pre-trial conference) <input type="checkbox"/> Full day <input type="checkbox"/> Half day <input type="checkbox"/> Short List	
12. I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE ATTACHED THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO PETITION: <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Juvenile Court Orders (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Child's Birth Certificate	

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION**

No. 20 -A

IN RE: Adoption of

(ADOPTEE'S initials as on birth certificate)

PETITION FOR ALTERNATIVE RELINQUISHMENT BY PUTATIVE FATHER
(23 Pa.C.S.A. §2504(c))

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:

This Petition of _____

_____ respectfully represents:

that Putative father: _____

received notice of adoption proceedings, and an opportunity to execute a consent,

on _____ (*documentation attached*)

And, he

- a) has failed to execute a consent to the adoption as required by 23 Pa.C.S.A. § 2711,
- b) has not filed an acknowledgment or claim of paternity pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S.A. § 5103.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner(s) pray(s) your Honorable Court for a decree terminating all parental rights of the above-named putative father in respect to ADOPTEE, awarding custody to

*This petition conforms to the Adoption Act, 23 Pa. C.S.A. §2101, *et seq.*, as amended through September 3, 2019. Future revisions to the statute may make this petition inadequate.

_____ and authorizing said
agency/individual to consent to adoption of the child without further consent or notice to the
putative father.

(Signature of petitioner)

(Print/type name of petitioner)

(Signature of petitioner)

(Print/type name of petitioner)

Verification

I verify that the statements made in the foregoing petition are true and correct. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of Section 4904 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code relating to unsworn falsifications to authorities.

Date: _____

(Signature)

(Type/print name)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

No. 20 -A

IN RE: Adoption of _____

PETITION FOR ALTERNATIVE RELINQUISHMENT OF PUTATIVE FATHER

IMPORTANT NOTICE – PUTATIVE FATHER

To: _____

A petition has been filed asking the court to put an end to all rights you have to your child _____ . The court has set a hearing to consider ending your rights to your child. That hearing will be held on the _____ day of _____, _____, at _____ o'clock ____ .m., in Courtroom _____, 4th Floor, One Montgomery Plaza, Swede & Airy Streets, Norristown, Pennsylvania. You are warned that your rights may also be subject to termination pursuant to §2504(d) of the Adoption Act, 23 Pa.C.S., if you fail to file either an acknowledgement of paternity or claim of paternity pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S. §5103 (relating to acknowledgement and claim of paternity) and fail to either appear at the hearing for the purpose of objecting to the termination of your rights or file a written objection to such termination with the Court prior to the hearing.

You have a right to be represented at the hearing by a lawyer. You should take this paper to your lawyer at once. If you do not have a lawyer or cannot afford one, go to or telephone the office set forth below to find out whether you can get legal help.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
100 W. AIRY STREET
NORRISTOWN, PA 19401
(610) 279-9660, #3

LEGAL AID OF SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
625 SWEDE STREET
NORRISTOWN, PA 19401
(610) 275-5400

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

NO. 20 -A

IN RE: Adoption of _____

**ALTERNATIVE RELINQUISHMENT OF PARENTAL RIGHTS
OF PUTATIVE FATHER**

PRELIMINARY DECREE

AND NOW, this _____ day of _____, 20____, upon consideration of the attached petition for alternative relinquishment of parental rights of _____, it is ORDERED AND DECREED that a hearing is set for the _____ day of _____, 20____ at _____ o'clock ____m. in Courtroom _____, 4th Floor, One Montgomery Plaza, Swede and Airy Streets, Norristown, Pennsylvania.

At least ten days written notice of the hearing shall be given to the putative father, who has not executed consent, and to the parent(s) or guardian of the putative father if he is under the age of 18. The putative father, _____, shall be advised in said notice that his parental rights may be terminated at the aforesaid hearing.

Method of providing notice shall conform to 23 Pa.C.S.A. § 2513(b), as provided by § 2504(b) and PA Orphans' Court Rule No. 15.6.

BY THE COURT:

J.

Copy of the above decree
mailed _____ to:

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION**

NO. 20 -A

IN RE: Adoption of _____

ALTERNATIVE RELINQUISHMENT OF PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR

PUTATIVE FATHER, _____

(23 Pa. C.S.A. § 2504 (c))

FINAL DECREE

AND NOW, this ____ day of _____, 20__ after review of the record and hearing following due notice, the court, being satisfied as to the truth of the facts set forth in the petition and that the petition should be granted, finds that _____ received proper and due notice in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S.A. § 2503, has failed to file an acknowledgment of paternity pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S.A. § 5103(a), and has failed to file a claim of paternity pursuant of 23 Pa.C.S.A. § 5103(b). The putative father has also failed to make objection at this hearing either in person or in writing.

Accordingly, THE PARENTAL RIGHTS OF SAID PUTATIVE FATHER ARE HEREBY TERMINATED pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S.A. § 2504(c) and the adoption of ADOPTEE may continue without further consent of, or notice to said putative father.

Any appeal from this DECREE must be filed within thirty (30) days from the date of this DECREE pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 902 and 903 and in accordance with the Pa.R.A.P. 904(f) and 905(a)(2).

BY THE COURT:

J.

Copy of the above Order E-Filed _____
