

Adult Adoption

Court personal is unable to provide legal advice, this information is provided to assist you in the process. If further assistance is needed, the court advises you to seek legal counsel to assist you with the process.

Documents needed at the time of filing the adoption petition:

1. \$150.00 statutory filing fee
2. \$10.00 fee for certified copy of adoption
3. A certified copy of the adoptee's birth certificate
4. A statement from the adoptee and each petitioner regarding their relationship and the reasons for requesting the adoption.

Requirements for filing an adult adoption:

1. the adoptee must be 18 years of age or older
2. the adoptee and/or petitioner must be a resident of Sanilac County.

Notice and Consent:

The only consent that is necessary for an adult adoption is the consent of the adult adoptee. The consent must be signed in front of the Judge or Referee of the Court.

Once the adoption has been filed a hearing will be scheduled for the consent. Notice of the adoption and hearing must be served upon the biological parent(s). A proof of service must be filed with the court.

Investigation:

An investigation of the adoption is required by law (MCL 710.46). This investigation will be scheduled as an interview with the assigned court worker. The court worker is required to submit a written report and recommendation to the Judge concerning whether the adoption should be approved.

New Birth Certificate:

In an adoption a new birth certificate will be created and the original birth certificate will be sealed. A record of adoption is created and the petitioner must verify the information on the Record of Adoption. The new birth certificate is created from the Record of Adoption. If the adult adoptee does not want to have a new birth certificate created the adult adoptee must let the court know this.

When the adoption is final the Record of Adoption will be forwarded to the Health Department in the state of the adoptee's birth. The charge will vary by state for the creation of a new birth certificate, however, in Michigan the cost is \$50.00.