

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE PETITION TO INTERVENE

TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY

### STEP 1 – The Caption

Fill in the names of the parties and the docket number exactly how they appear on the current custody court order.

### STEP 2 – The Petition

1. You are the petitioner. Put your name on the line and list your current address and phone number.
2. Fill in the names and birthdays of all minor children that are subjects to the custody case on the Confidential Information Form first column. (204 Pa.Code § 213.81)
3. Please list the relationship of this Petitioner to the child(ren).
4. Put the date of the current custody order in the lines provided.
5. List who currently has the child(ren).
6. List the reasons why the petitioner is requesting to be party to the custody action.
7. Under sections 7 & 8 check the circumstance that applies for the petitioner to intervene.

### STEP 3 – Signing The Petition

Sign and date the Petition.

### STEP 4 – Addresses

Complete the current mailing address and phone numbers for all parties and or indicate any attorneys involved.

### STEP 5 – Filing

File the original petition with the Blair County Prothonotary Office.

**There is a \$25 filing fee** associated with this petition made payable to Blair County Prothonotary's office.

**These are general instructions and may not apply or be all you need to know to file a petition. Please seek legal advice if you are unsure of how to proceed.**

\_\_\_\_\_ : IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
 Plaintiff : OF BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
 vs. :  
 : NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 :  
 \_\_\_\_\_ : CIVIL ACTION – CUSTODY  
 Defendant :

**PETITION TO INTERVENE**

1. Petitioner is \_\_\_\_\_ an individual residing at:

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

2. Petitioner wishes to intervene in this custody case involving the child (ren) identified on the Confidential Information Form first column. (204 Pa.Code § 213.81) List additional children as necessary.

**\*\*\*Do not list names and date of birth of children on this form, identify by numerals or initials corresponding to attached Confidential Information Form.**

**Child \_\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_\_**

3. The relationship of this Petitioner to the child (ren) is: \_\_\_\_\_.

4. There is an existing order in this case dated \_\_\_\_\_.

5. The child (ren) are presently in the custody of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

6. Petitioner requests the Petition to Intervene be granted by this Court because:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Petitioner is seeking **physical** and/or **legal custody** based upon which of the following circumstances:

- \_\_\_\_(A) the child has been determined to be a dependent child under 42 Pa. C.S. Ch. 63 (relating to juvenile matters);
- \_\_\_\_(B) the child is substantially at risk due to parental abuse, neglect, drug or alcohol abuse or incapacity; or
- \_\_\_\_(C) the child has, for a period of at least 12 consecutive months, resided with the grandparent, excluding brief temporary absences of the child from the home, and is removed from the home by the parents, in which case the action must be filed within six months after the removal of the child from the home.

8. And/or Petitioner is seeking **partial physical custody** based upon which of the following circumstances:

- \_\_\_\_(A) where the parent of the child is deceased, a parent or grandparent of the deceased parent may file an action under this section.
- \_\_\_\_(B) where the parents of the child have been separated for a period of at least six months or have commenced and continued a proceeding to dissolve their marriage; or
- \_\_\_\_(C) when the child has, for a period of at least 12 consecutive months, resided with the grandparent or great-grandparent, excluding brief temporary absences of the child from the home, and is removed from the home by the parents, an action must be filed within six months after the removal of the child from the home.

The foregoing statements of fact are true and correct. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

Name and Address of Plaintiff

Name and Address of Defendant

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