

CONSENT TO ADOPTION

BY PARENT WHO IS NOT THE STEPPARENT'S SPOUSE

(STEPPARENT ADOPTION)

I, _____, declare:

1. That I was born on the _____ day of _____, _____, and have a permanent address at _____;

2. That I am of sound mind and in full possession of my mental faculties;

3. That I am the [mother] [father] of _____, a _____
(Original Name of Child) (Sex)

child, born on the _____ day of _____, _____, in _____
(City or Town) (County)

(State/Country);

4. That I hereby voluntarily consent to the adoption of said child by his/her stepparent, _____

(Full name of petitioning stepmother/stepfather);

5. That I voluntarily consent to the transfer of any right I have to legal or physical custody of the adoptee to the petitioning stepparent and the child's other parent, _____;
(Spouse of petitioner)

6. That this Consent shall be valid and binding and shall not be affected by any oral or separate written agreement between me and the aforementioned adoptive parent;

7. That I understand that when the adoption is final, the legal relation of parent and child between adoptee and me **will be terminated**, including all rights of the adoptee to inherit as a child from and through me, and that the adoption will extinguish any existing court order of custody, visitation, or communication with the adoptee, except that I will remain liable for past due child support payments, unless legally released from this obligation;

8. That I have not received or been promised any money or anything of value for this Consent except for lawful payments that are itemized on a schedule attached to this Consent;

9. That I hereby waive notice of any proceeding for adoption;

10. That I have received or been offered an unsigned copy of the Consent, been advised that counseling services may be available through county departments of social services or licensed child-placing agencies, and been advised of the right to employ independent legal counsel;

11. That the name and address of the court, if known, in which the Petition for Adoption has been or will be filed are as follows:

12. That I have been informed that the name and address of the person to whom any notice of revocation of this consent can be sent are as follows:

13. That I understand that my Consent to the adoption of the minor may be revoked within 7 days following the day on which it is executed, inclusive of weekends and holidays. If the final day of the period falls on a weekend or a North Carolina or federal holiday, then the revocation period extends to the next business day.

14. That I understand that to revoke my Consent to Adoption, as provided in G.S. 48-3-608, the revocation must be made by giving written notice to the person specified in this Consent. Notice may be given by personal delivery, overnight delivery service, or registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. If notice is given by mail, notice is deemed complete when it is deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the person specified in this Consent at the address also specified. If notice is given by overnight delivery service, notice is deemed complete on the date it is deposited with the service as shown by the receipt from the service, with delivery charges paid by the sender, addressed to the person specified in this Consent at the address also specified. Forms to revoke my Consent may be obtained from the Clerk of Superior Court in any county in North Carolina.

16. That I understand that unless revoked in accordance with G.S. 48-3-608, my Consent to Adoption is final and irrevocable and may not be withdrawn or set aside except under a circumstance set forth in G.S. 48-3-609.

Signature of [Mother] [Father]

Address

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

_____ COUNTY

I, _____, do hereby certify
(Name of official)

that _____ personally appeared before me this day
Name of [Mother] [Father]

and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing document. I further certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the parent executing the Consent: read, or had read to him or her, and understood the Consent; signed the Consent voluntarily; received or was offered a copy of the Consent; and was advised that counseling services may be available through county departments of social services or licensed child-placing agencies.

I certify that I, the undersigned, am a Notary Public or one otherwise empowered to acknowledge signatures under Chapter 47 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

Witness my hand and seal this the _____ day of _____,

at _____
(Place of Consent)

(S E A L)

Signature _____

Title _____

My commission expires _____

Note:

This form is prepared in duplicate. The **original** Consent to Adoption by Parent Who is Not the Stepparent's Spouse is to be sent by the Clerk of Superior Court to the Division of Social Services, State Department of Health and Human Services, attached to the Petition for Adoption. **A signed copy of the Consent is to be given to the person who signed the Consent.**