

1 PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COURT
2 P.O. BOX 257 / 221 HWY 447
3 NIXON, NV 8424
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5 **MOTION TO MODIFY CUSTODY,**
6 **SUPPORT, AND/OR VISITATION**
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9 **PACKET INCLUDES INSTRUCTIONS AND FILING PROCESS**
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11 **ATTENTION: THIS PACKET IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY**
12 **OR ADVOCATE. COUNSEL IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED FOR LEGAL MATTERS.**
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14 The laws governing the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation allow any person to represent
15 him/herself in any legal action heard in the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court. However, filing
16 Petitions/Application/Complaints with the Court and representing yourself in the
17 Courtroom can involve complex legal matters. This packet only addresses a few legal
18 issues involved in bringing your matter before Court.

19 When appearing pro se, Latin for “on one’s own behalf”, you are responsible for
20 understanding the law that governs your case and for filing the correct legal documents.
21 The laws and rules are set out in the Pyramid Lake Law & Order Code, the Federal Rules
22 of Civil Procedure, and the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court Operational Procedures.

23 When you return to the Court and sign these documents for filing, the Court assumes
24 that all documents are read carefully and all potential outcomes of litigation in this matter
25 are understood.
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27 ****BEFORE FILING IN ANY PORTION OF THE PETITION, READ ALL MATERIALS**
28 **AND, IF NEEDED, REQUEST CLARIFICATION FROM THE COURT STAFF.****

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1. Fill out the Motion completely. Use blue or black ink only to fill out the form and print the information neatly. DO NOT USE WITE-OUT or any other fluid/tape on the forms. The Notice will not be accepted by the Court personnel if correction fluid/tape is used.

** Also, the following section of the Pyramid Lake Law & Order Code (herein after "P.L.L.O.C.") references the statute of limitations which gives a time limit to file an Appeal: §3.2.306: "Any party may appeal a final decision or judgment of the Tribal Court by filing a written notice of Appeal with the Clerk of the Court within thirty (30) calendar days of service of the formal notice of the entry of the Judge's decision."

2. Write the case number;
3. Write the Plaintiffs Name and Mailing Address;
4. On 1. Write the date the original custody order was entered;
5. On 2. Check who was previously awarded custody;
6. On 3. Write the name(s) and date of birth(s) of the minors in question;
7. Write who the minors have been living with and the address;
8. On 4. Write what has changed in circumstances that you are requesting this change;
9. On 5. Explain why you feel the change is necessary;
10. On 6. Write the proposed custody, visitation schedule, and child support amount;
11. On 7. Write any other relief requested;
12. Once the Motion is complete and ready to be filed submit the filing fee (\$25.00) and the Motion to Court Personnel. Please ensure you give a copy to the opposing party prior to filing.
13. Once the Motion is received, if requested by parties, the Court personnel will serve the opposing party with the Motion. They will have 14 days to respond, then the matter will be set for a hearing.

IF THERE ARE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL THE PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COURT AT (775) 574-1094.

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2 **IN THE PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COURT IN AND FOR THE**
3 **PYRAMID LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION**

4 **WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

5 **MOTION TO MODIFY CUSTODY, SUPPORT, AND/OR VISITATION**

6 **CASE NO:** _____

7 **Plaintiff's Name and Address:**

8 **Defendant's Name and Address:**

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10 vs

11 () Plaintiff moving party

() Defendant moving party

12 1. On _____, an Order was entered regarding custody.

13 2. The Plaintiff Defendant
14 Thirty Party was ordered to have custody of the child(ren).

15 3. The following child(ren):

16 _____ DOB: _____
17 _____ DOB: _____
18 _____ DOB: _____
19 _____ DOB: _____
20 _____ DOB: _____

21 Has been living with: _____
22 *(Name of person child(ren) are living with)*
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24 *(complete address)*

25 4. Circumstances have changed that require a change in custody, visitation or
26 support. (List detailed reasons what has changed).

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5. Proper cause exists that require a change in custody or support. (List why you feel custody, visitation or support should be changed)

6. I request custody, visitation and support as follows: _____

7. Other relief as follows:

I declare that the above statements are true to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

DATE: _____

(Signature of moving party)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public/Court Clerk