

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: _____
A minor child

CASE NO. _____

PETITION FOR EMANCIPATION

NOW COMES the above-named minor child, a resident of the State of Georgia and of the County of Effingham and being at least 16 years of age, and shows this Court the following in support of his or her petition for emancipation pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-11-200 et. seq.:

- 1) The minor's:

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| _____ | _____ |
| Full name | Telephone number |
| _____ | _____ |
| Address | Length of residency at that address |

- 2) The minor's date of birth is _____, and he or she was born in the County of _____, in the State of _____.

A certified copy of the minor's birth certificate is attached hereto.

- 3) The minor's parent(s)/guardian's:

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| _____ | _____ |
| Full name | Full name |
| _____ | _____ |
| Address | Address |
| _____ | _____ |
| Telephone number | Telephone number |

Or, if no parent or guardian can be found, the following information regarding the minor's nearest living relative residing within this State:

| | |
|-----------|------------------|
| _____ | _____ |
| Full name | Telephone number |

Address

Relationship to minor

- 4) The minor declares that he or she has demonstrated the ability to manage his or her financial affairs, including proof of employment or other means of support (not including general assistance or aid received from means-tested public assistance programs such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or similar programs under Title IV-A of the federal Social Security Act), and includes the following in support thereof:

- 5) The minor declares that he or she has demonstrated the ability to manage his or her personal and social affairs, including, but not limited to, proof of housing, and includes the following in support thereof:

- 6) The following adults have personal knowledge of the minor's circumstances and believe that, under those circumstances, emancipation is in the best interest of the minor, and will provide an affidavit in support thereof:

Full name

Telephone number

Address

How minor is known to adult

Full name

Telephone number

Address

How minor is known to adult

Full name

Telephone number

Address

How minor is known to adult

7) The minor shows that (check one):

- The minor's parent(s) or guardian does/do not object to the petition; or
 The parent(s) or guardian object(s), but the best interest of the minor is served by allowing the emancipation to occur;

8) The minor understands his or her rights and responsibilities as an emancipated minor.

WHEREFORE, the minor requests that the Court conduct a hearing and thereafter issue an emancipation order, finding that the minor has met the burden of showing by a preponderance of evidence that emancipation is in the best interest of the minor, AND

That the minor be considered to have the rights and responsibilities of an adult, except for those specific constitutional and statutory age requirements regarding voting, use of alcoholic beverages, and other health and safety regulations relevant to the minor because of his or her age. The rights of the minor to receive any transfer of property or money pursuant to The Georgia Transfers to Minors Act under Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 44; under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, the Uniform Gift to Minors Act, or other substantially similar act of another state; or pursuant to a trust agreement shall not be affected by a declaration of an emancipation, AND

That the minor be considered emancipated for the purposes of, but not limited to: (1) the right to enter into enforceable contracts, including apartment leases; (2) the right to sue or be sued in his or her own name; (3) the right to retain his or her own earnings; (4) the right to establish a separate domicile; (5) the right to act autonomously, and with the rights and responsibilities of an adult, in all business relationships, including, but not limited to, property transactions and obtaining accounts for utilities, except for those estate and property matters that the court determines may require a conservator or guardian ad litem; (6) the right to earn a living, subject only to the health and safety regulations designed to protect those under the age of 18 regardless of their legal status; (7) the right to authorize his or her own preventive health care, medical care, dental care, and mental health care, without parental knowledge or liability; (8) the right to apply for a driver's license or other state licenses for which he or she might be eligible; (9) the right to register for school; (10) the right to apply for medical assistance programs and for other welfare assistance, if needed; (11) the right, if a parent, to make decisions and give authority in caring for his or her own minor child; and (12) the right to make a will.

This ____ day of _____, 20____.

Minor child

Attorney for minor child

COUNTY OF EFFINGHAM
STATE OF GEORGIA

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT TO EMANCIPATION

CAME BEFORE the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, the affiant, who states under oath as follows:

- (1) I am the parent or guardian of _____, a minor child who is petitioning for emancipation.
- (2) I understand that, if emancipated, the minor shall be considered to have the rights and responsibilities of an adult, except for those specific constitutional and statutory age requirements regarding voting, use of alcoholic beverages, and other health and safety regulations relevant to the minor because of his or her age. The rights of the minor to receive any transfer of property or money pursuant to The Georgia Transfers to Minors Act under Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 44; under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, the Uniform Gift to Minors Act, or other substantially similar act of another state; or pursuant to a trust agreement shall not be affected by a declaration of an emancipation.
- (3) I further understand that the minor shall be considered emancipated for the purposes of, but not limited to: (1) the right to enter into enforceable contracts, including apartment leases; (2) the right to sue or be sued in his or her own name; (3) the right to retain his or her own earnings; (4) the right to establish a separate domicile; (5) the right to act autonomously, and with the rights and responsibilities of an adult, in all business relationships, including, but not limited to, property transactions and obtaining accounts for utilities, except for those estate and property matters that the court determines may require a conservator or guardian ad litem; (6) the right to earn a living, subject only to the health and safety regulations designed to protect those under the age of 18 regardless of their legal status; (7) the right to authorize his or her own preventive health care, medical care, dental care, and mental health care, without parental knowledge or liability; (8) the right to apply for a driver's license or other state licenses for which he or she might be eligible; (9) the right to register for school; (10) the right to apply for medical assistance programs and for other welfare assistance, if needed; (11) the right, if a parent, to make decisions and give authority in caring for his or her own minor child; and (12) the right to make a will.

I CONSENT TO THIS EMANCIPATION.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
This ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Notary Public, State of Georgia.

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: _____ **CASE NO.** _____
A minor child D.O.B. _____

ORDER OF EMANCIPATION

The above-named minor having filed a Petition for Emancipation and the Court having found that emancipation is in the best interest of the minor and that the minor has established the statutory requirements,

IT HEREBY IS ORDERED that the above-named minor is emancipated;

AND FURTHER, the minor shall be considered to have the rights and responsibilities of an adult, except for those specific constitutional and statutory age requirements regarding voting, use of alcoholic beverages, and other health and safety regulations relevant to the minor because of his or her age. The rights of the minor to receive any transfer of property or money pursuant to The Georgia Transfers to Minors Act under Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 44; under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, the Uniform Gift to Minors Act, or other substantially similar act of another state; or pursuant to a trust agreement shall not be affected by the declaration of emancipation;

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AND FURTHER, the parent(s) or guardian of the minor shall not be liable for any debts incurred by the minor during the period of emancipation;

AND FURTHER, the duty to provide support for the minor shall continue until the date of entry of this Order;

AND FURTHER, the emancipated minor shall not be considered a “deprived child” for purposes of Part 6 of Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 15.

AND FURTHER, the provisions set forth in O.C.G.A. § 19-3-2 regarding age limitations to contract for marriage shall apply to the emancipated minor;

AND FURTHER, the minor may petition this Court to rescind this Order pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-11-206; however, rescission of the emancipation order will not alter any contractual obligations or rights or any property rights or interests that arose during the period of time that the emancipation order was in effect.

SO ORDERED, this ____ day of _____, 20____.

**Judge, Juvenile Court of Effingham County
Ogeechee Judicial Circuit**

COUNTY OF EFFINGHAM
STATE OF GEORGIA

VERIFICATION

I hereby verify that the facts alleged in the above-styled petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

This ____ day of _____, 20____.

Minor child

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
This ____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public, State of Georgia.