

Petition for Divorce

The forms in this packet are to be used as a **template**, please re-type the forms and **do not** fill in the blanks. Please read the instructions carefully before completing the forms. The Court Clerks **CANNOT** accept documents that do not conform to the instructions in this packet.

You should refer to the Comanche Nation Tribal Court Codes prior to filing any petition or pleadings for a complete understanding of the rules and procedures governing your case. Should you need assistance in preparing any documents, you must consult with an attorney at your own expense. This court does not have legal aid. The Court Clerks are prohibited by Ethical Code and Court Rules to provide legal advice and help parties prepare or type court documents. Different situations may require special procedures and the Court Clerks **CANNOT** advise you on how to proceed or what forms may be necessary in specific situations.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING
IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ!!!

1. Documents must be typed DOUBLE-SPACED and on LETTER SIZE PAPER (8 ½” x 11”).
2. Documents must be signed in front of the Court Clerk or a notary public when you are ready to file.
3. Filing fees, copy fees, etc. must be made in the form of a CASHIER’S CHECK or MONEY ORDER and must be payable to “Comanche Nation Tribal Court”. Filing fees MUST be paid at the time of filing your petition. If you are unsure of the amount of the filing fees, contact the Court Clerk.
4. Submit original Documents and one (1) copy for each party to be served, and an additional copy if you want a copy of the document for your records. If the Court Clerk makes your copies, you will be charged a copy fee of \$0.50 PER PAGE.
5. Documents must have the FULL ADDRESS including street, city, state & zip of the parties to be served. Obtaining this information is **your** responsibility.
6. The forms are a guide to use in preparing the documents. DO NOT fill in the blanks and submit for filing. IT MUST BE RE-TYPED.
7. Petitions filed MUST have a copy of the relevant birth certificate and tribal enrollment card/CDIB and be submitted with the petition when filed. Obtaining these documents is **YOUR** responsibility.
8. Proof of Service of a Petition is MANDATORY for your case to proceed. Obtaining proof of service is **your** responsibility. If you request the Court Clerks to serve the documents on your behalf, service fees MUST be paid at the time of submitting Request of Service.

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that do not conform to these Instructions.

DOMESTIC	
Petition or Complaint	Filing Fee
Custody/Paternity w/child support	\$ 102.00
Divorce	\$ 102.00
Paternity (no support or custody)	\$ 72.00
Additional Court Costs	
Summons (each)	\$ 8.50
Summon, Notice by Publication (Actual publication is to be done indepently at your own additional expense through a proper publishing source)	\$ 25.00
Court Service (Only available if "Request for Service" is completed and filed)	
Within Territorial Jurisdiction	\$ 35.00
Outside Territorial Jurisdiction	\$ 12.00
Service (Independently done, may incur additional expense of Private Process Server. Proof of Service must be filed with the Court.)	
Copy Fees (provide all necessary copies of all filings or copy fees will apply to copies made by the Court Clerk.)	\$1.00 first page/\$0.50 each subsequent page

The Respondent has resided at the above address since on or around

_____.

6. That the Petitioner is _____ years old and his/her occupation is _____ and the Respondent is _____ years old and his/her occupation is _____.

7. That _____ children have been born of this union, the names and dates of birth (and death, if deceased) are listed as follows:

_____.

8. That the Petitioner is not pregnant; OR pregnant and the birth of said child is expected on or about _____, and that the father of said child is _____.

9. That the Respondent is not pregnant; OR pregnant and the birth of said child is expected on or about _____, and that the father of said child is _____.

10. That the parties have not acquired any property that needs to be divided by the Court; OR have acquired certain property either by real estate and/or personal that needs to be divided by the Court (describe below or attach a list hereto):

_____.

11. That the parties have not acquired any debts that need to be addressed by the Court; OR have acquired debts that need to be divided by the Court (describe below or attach a list hereto);

_____.

12. That the Court should determine paternity, custody and child support arrangements is accordance with the Codes of the Comanche Nation.

13. That the parties were married on or about _____, in _____.

14. That no other divorce action has been filed by either the Petitioner or Respondent in any other state or tribal court as of this date; OR Another divorce action has been filed or is

pending in _____ County, _____, and that said case number is _____;

15. That the Petitioner does not need a restraining order; OR Needs a restraining order because the Petitioner fears the Respondent may attempt to harm, harass and/or molest the Petitioner;

16. That as grounds for divorce, the Petitioner alleges _____ (irreconcilable differences, infidelity, or other legal grounds)

17. _____ I understand that I am responsible for serving copies of this Petition and _____
Initials all attachments on the other party because they are entitled to notice and opportunity to _____ contest my Petition.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for:

- A. A decree of divorce;
- B. A temporary order;
- C. A fair and equitable division of the property and indebtedness as set forth above; and
- D. Other equitable relief,

Respectfully submitted,

Petitioner

VERIFICATION

(Verification required if Petitioner is represented by legal counsel; Petition may be signed without verification by Petitioner appearing pro se.)

I verify that I have prepared and read this petition and verify that all of the factual allegations contained in this petition are in fact true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

Counsel for the Petitioner

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

Court Clerk