

## Petition for Dissolution of Marriage

- Purpose:** This petition is used to request *dissolution of marriage*. A co-petition is when both parties are in agreement about the dissolution and file together.
- Who may file:** Persons who have entered into a legal, traditional, or common law marriage.
- Before Filing:** You must pay the filing fee at the Tribal Finance Department and get a copy of the receipt, and you provide the clerk with the addresses of every person who has an interest in the matter. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Procedure:** Once the co-petitioner(s) file, the clerk will set the time and place for the hearing.
- Petition:** The Court will keep the original documents and will give the Co-petitioner(s) copies of everything that is filed.
- Filing Fee:** Only Elders (55 and older) do not have to pay fees.  
  
The cost of this petition is \$150.00. Fee waivers are not available for anyone else. All non-elders must pay at the Tribal Finance Department and submit their receipt along with the petition before the clerk can accept and process any paperwork. The paid fee is required for all petitions.
- Note:** The Court will not accept any petition until the petition is complete. Meaning, all of the documentation and information needed are produced and fees are paid.

**IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY  
OF THE FORT BELKNAP INDIAN RESERVATION, MONTANA**

<b>IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:</b>	<b>CASE NO:</b>
Co-Petitioner &	<b>PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE</b>
Co-Petitioner	

WHEREFORE, the Co-Petitioners, hereby submits the following information as follows:

That at the time of the filing of this action:

1. Co-Petitioner

- a. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Co-Petitioner

- a. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. That the parties were married on the day of \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_. Their marriage is registered at:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(County, State)

4. The basis and grounds for this action are that there is serious marital discord which adversely affects the attitude of the parties toward the marriage due to incompatibility of the parties resulting in irreconcilable differences and there is no reasonable prospect of reconciliation.

5. There is/are \_\_\_\_\_ child(ren) born as an issue of this marriage:

a. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

d. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

e. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Co-Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ seeks custody of \_\_\_\_\_ of the children:

a. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

d. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

e. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

7. That the Co-Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ is financially able to contribute to Co-Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ per child per month for the support, care and maintenance of the minor child(ren) of the parties until such child(ren) reaches the age of majority or becomes emancipated.

8. That the Co-Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ shall have reasonable visitation with the child(ren), subject to the following:

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9. Co-Petitioner seeks property division as follows:

A. Co-Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ seeks possession of the family home located at \_\_\_\_\_ along with household furnishings necessary to comfortably raise the said child(ren) as follows:

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B. Vehicles:

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Debts: That Co-Petitioner hereto have the following debts in the amount(s) listed and are liable individually, together, or along with someone else for these debts as noted and that the parties should be responsible for said debts herein noted:

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

11. That Co-Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ will have her maiden name restored as her legal name as: \_\_\_\_\_.

12. That the seriousness of this petitioner has been thoroughly considered and the requested action is appropriate, as the parties hereto have separated and/or living apart for a period of \_\_\_\_\_.

13. The following is also set forth as justification and/or as action necessary and related to the above:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

WHEREFORE, Co-Petitions prays the Court enter the following:

1. Enter a Decree Dissolving the marriage of the parties;
2. That any and all child(ren) of the marriage be placed as set forth above in paragraph 6 of the above and visitation in paragraph 8 of the above.

3. That support and maintenance be awarded as set forth above in paragraphs 6 & 7;

4. That all property and debts set as forth in paragraphs 9 & 20 above be divided and assigned as set forth above;

5. That Co-Petitioner's \_\_\_\_\_ maiden name be restored as her legal name as \_\_\_\_\_.

**VERIFICATION**

Fort Belknap Indian Community )  
County of Blaine )  
State of Montana )

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn upon oath, do hereby verify and affirm that I am the Co-Petitioner in the foregoing Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. that I have read the Petition, and that the statement and facts contained therein are true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed and Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Petitioner

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public for the State of Montana  
Residing at: \_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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