

Superior Court of Washington, County of \_\_\_\_\_

In re:

Petitioner/s (as listed on the Petition):

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And Respondent/s (as listed on the Petition):

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No. \_\_\_\_\_

Final Order and Findings on Petition to  
Change a Parenting Plan, Residential  
Schedule or Custody Order  
(ORMDD/ORDYMT)

[ ] Clerk's action required: **11**

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**Final Order and Findings on Petition to Change a  
Parenting Plan, Residential Schedule or Custody Order**

**1. This Order is based on:**

- The *Petition to Change a Parenting Plan, Residential Schedule, or Custody Order*,
- The children's best interest,
- The Court's decision that there were valid reasons to hear the *Petition* in the *Order on Adequate Cause to Change a Parenting/Custody Order* signed on (date): \_\_\_\_\_,

And (check one):

- [ ] the parents' agreement.
- [ ] the *Order on Motion for Default* signed on (date): \_\_\_\_\_.
- [ ] the court hearing or trial on (date): \_\_\_\_\_.

The following people were at the hearing or trial (list parties, lawyers, and any guardians):

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➤ **Findings & Conclusions**

**2. Jurisdiction** (RCW 26.27.201–.221, .231, .261, .271)

- The court **cannot** decide this case for the children because the court does not have jurisdiction over the children.
- The court **can** decide this case for the children because *(check all that apply; if a box applies to all of the children, you may write “the children” instead of listing names)*:
  - Washington order/exclusive, continuing jurisdiction** – The parenting/custody order was made by a Washington state court, and the court still has authority to make other orders for *(children’s names)*: \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Other state’s order** – The parenting/custody order was not made by a Washington state court **AND** *(check one)*:
    - A court in the state (or tribe) that made the parenting/custody order has made another order saying that it no longer has jurisdiction **or** that it is better to have this case decided in Washington;
    - No child, parent or person acting as a parent lives in the state (or tribal reservation) that made the order anymore;

**AND** *(check one)*:

- Home state jurisdiction** – Washington is the children’s home state because *(check all that apply)*:
  - (Children’s names)*: \_\_\_\_\_ lived in Washington with a parent or someone acting as a parent for at least the 6 months just before this case was filed, or if the children were less than 6 months old when the case was filed, they had lived in Washington with a parent or someone acting as a parent since birth.
  - There were times the children were not in Washington in the 6 months just before this case was filed (or since birth if they were less than 6 months old), but those were temporary absences.
  - (Children’s names)*: \_\_\_\_\_ do not live in Washington right now, but Washington was the children’s home state sometime in the 6 months just before this case was filed, and a parent or someone acting as a parent of the children still lives in Washington.
  - (Children’s names)*: \_\_\_\_\_ do not have another home state.
- No home state or home state declined** – No court of any other state has the jurisdiction to make decisions for *(children’s names)*: \_\_\_\_\_, **or** a court in the children’s home state decided it is better to have this case in Washington **and**:
  - The children and a parent or someone acting as a parent have ties to Washington beyond just living here (significant connection); **and**
  - There is a lot of information (substantial evidence) about the children’s care, protection, education and relationships in this state.

Other reason *(specify)*: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Major change (RCW 26.09.260(1) and (2))**

- Does not apply. No one requested a major change.
- Denied** – The court denies the request for a major change because *(check all that apply)*:
  - the requested major change is not in the children’s best interest.
  - there has been no substantial change to the situation of the child/ren or the parent who did not file the *Petition*.
  - the reasons (factual basis) for the requested major change do not qualify under the law.
  - other reasons *(specify)*: \_\_\_\_\_

- Approved** – The court approves a major change to the parenting order. The major change is approved because:
  - The requested change is in the children’s best interest, and
  - There has been a substantial change in the children’s situation or in the situation of the parent who did not request the major change. *(Describe how the situation has changed, or describe a situation that the court did not know about when it made its order)*:

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**Check reason/s for this change:**

- The parents agree to the requested changes.
- The children are living in one parent’s home with the other parent’s permission. This is very different than what was ordered in the previous order.
- The children’s current living situation is harmful to their physical, mental, or emotional health. It would be better for the children to change the order.
- The other parent has not followed the court’s order. A court found him/her in contempt for disobeying the parenting schedule more than once in three years, or guilty of custodial interference in the first or second degree. *(RCW 9A.40.060 or 9A.40.070)*

**4. Minor change (RCW 26.09.260(5), (7), and (9))**

- Does not apply. No one requested a minor change.
- Denied** – The court denies the request for a minor change because *(check all that apply)*:
  - the requested minor change is not in the children’s best interest.

- the situation of the child/ren or a parent has not changed substantially.
- the reasons (factual basis) for the requested minor change do not qualify under the law.
- the parent requesting more time is limited because of problems listed in the current parenting/custody order. That parent has not shown substantial change in the problems that caused the limitations.
- the parent requesting more time has not fully completed all evaluations, treatment, or classes required by the current parenting/custody order.
- other reasons (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved** – The court approves a minor change to the parenting/custody order. The court signed the new *Parenting Plan* or *Residential Schedule* filed separately today or on (*date*): \_\_\_\_\_ . The minor change is approved because:

- The requested change is in the children’s best interest and does not change the person the children live with most of the time; and
- There has been a substantial change in the children’s or a parent’s situation. (*Describe how the situation has changed, or describe a situation that the court did not know about when it made its order*):

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**Check reason/s for this change:**

- The current parenting/custody order is difficult to follow because the parent who has less residential time with the children has moved.
- The current parenting/custody order is difficult to follow because one parent’s work schedule changed and the change was not by his/her choice.
- The requested change will impact the children’s schedule on fewer than 25 full days a year.
- The requested change will impact the children’s schedule on more than 24 full days, but fewer than 90 overnights a year. This change is needed because the current parenting/custody order does not give the children a reasonable amount of time with one parent. It is in the children’s best interest to have more than 24 full days of increased time with that parent.

**Are there any limitations on the parent whose time is being increased?**

- No.** The current parenting/custody order does **not** limit that parent’s time with the children because of abandonment, abuse, domestic violence, sex offense, or other serious problems.
- Yes.** That parent’s time with the children is limited because of problems listed in the current parenting/custody order. That parent’s situation has

changed substantially. (Describe how the parent's problems that caused the limitations in the current parenting/custody order have changed.)

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**Has the parent whose time would be increased completed any required evaluations, treatment, or classes?**

- Does not apply.** The current parenting/custody order does **not** require that parent to complete any evaluations, treatment, or classes.
- Yes.** That parent has completed all court-ordered evaluations, treatment, or classes required by the current parenting/custody order.

List completed evaluations, treatment, or classes here: \_\_\_\_\_

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**5. Restrictions on the parent with less parenting time**

- Does not apply.
- Limit** – To protect the children, the court will limit the parenting time and participation of the parent who already has less than half of the parenting time with the children. The reasons for this limitation are listed in the new *Parenting Plan* or *Residential Schedule* signed by the court today or on (date): \_\_\_\_\_. This *Parenting Plan* or *Residential Schedule* is approved and filed separately. (RCW 26.09.191, 26.09.260(4))
- Adjust** – The parent who did not file the *Petition* was allowed some parenting time by the current parenting/custody order. But that parent has chosen not to spend any time with the children for at least one year. The court will adjust the parenting time for that parent as listed in the new *Parenting Plan* or *Residential Schedule* signed by the court today or on (date): \_\_\_\_\_. This *Parenting Plan* or *Residential Schedule* is approved and filed separately. (RCW 26.09.260(8))
- Other findings: \_\_\_\_\_

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**6. Other Changes (RCW 26.09.260(10))**

- Does not apply.
- Because of a substantial change in one parent's/child's situation, the court approves changes to the following parts of the *Parenting Plan* or *Residential Schedule* that are in the children's best interest (check all that apply):
  - dispute resolution
  - decision-making
  - transportation arrangements
  - other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Child Support**

- Does not apply. No one asked to change child support.
- Denied** – The request to change child support is denied because:
  - the request to change the parenting/custody order is denied.
  - the approved change to the parenting/custody order (*check all that apply*):
    - does not change the parent the children live with most of the time.
    - does not change the amount of time the children spend with each parent so much that a child support deviation should be approved or changed.
  - other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Approved** – The court approves a change to child support. The changes to the parenting/custody order affect child support by (*check one*):
  - changing the parent the children live with most of the time.
  - changing the amount of time the children spend with each parent so much that a child support deviation should be approved or changed.
  - other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other findings: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**8. Protection Order**

- Does not apply. No one requested an *Order for Protection* in this case.
- Approved** – The request for an *Order for Protection* is approved. The *Order for Protection* is filed separately.
- Denied** – The request for an *Order for Protection* is denied. The *Denial Order* is filed separately.
- Renewed/Changed** – The existing *Order for Protection* filed in or combined with this case is renewed or changed as described in the following order, filed separately (*check one*):
  - Order on Renewal of Order for Protection*
  - Order Modifying/Terminating Order for Protection*
- Other findings: \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Restraining Order**

- Does not apply. No one requested a *Restraining Order* in this case.
- Approved** – The request for a *Restraining Order* is approved. The *Restraining Order* is filed separately.
- Denied** – The request for a *Restraining Order* is denied.
- Other findings: \_\_\_\_\_  
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