

4. Venue for this proceeding is proper in this county because:
- the minor currently resides in this county.
 - the minor currently is present in this county.
5. The minor is not emancipated and does not currently have a guardian by instrument or will. No previous court order has appointed a guardian for the minor. There are no currently pending guardianship proceedings involving this minor.
6. *Choose one:*
- The minor is under 14 years of age.
 - The minor is 14 years of age or older and nominates me to be guardian. A copy of the minor's signed nomination is filed herewith.
 - The minor is 14 years of age or older and has failed to nominate a guardian.
7. _____ is the minor's natural mother. The minor's mother currently resides at _____.
- The custody rights of the minor's mother (*choose one*):
- have been terminated, suspended, or limited by prior court order. A copy of the pertinent order is attached to this petition.
 - have been terminated, suspended, or limited by the following circumstances:
 - The mother has waived her rights to custody and consented to my guardianship of the minor. A copy of the mother's waiver and consent is attached.
 - The mother is incarcerated. A copy of the appropriate sentencing order is attached.
 - The mother has disappeared. A copy of the missing person's police report regarding the mother is attached.
 - The mother does not have the ability to care for the minor because of a mental or physical disability. Appropriate documentation is attached.
 - The mother is deceased. A copy of the mother's death certificate is attached.
 - Other: (*explain in detail*): _____

8. *Choose one:*

_____ is the minor's natural father. The minor's father currently resides at _____.

Paternity has not been established.

9. If paternity has been established, the custody rights of the minor's father (*choose one*):

have been terminated, suspended, or limited by prior court order. A copy of the pertinent court order is attached to this petition.

have been terminated, suspended, or limited by the following circumstances:

The father has waived his parental rights to custody and consented to my guardianship of the minor. A copy of the father's waiver and consent is attached.

The father is incarcerated. A copy of the appropriate sentencing order is attached.

The father has disappeared. A copy of the missing person's police report regarding the father is attached.

The father does not have the ability to care for the minor because of a mental or physical disability. Appropriate documentation is attached.

The father is deceased. A copy of the father's death certificate is attached.

Other: (*explain in detail*): _____

10. Notice of the time and place of the hearing on this petition is required to be given pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 72-5-225 to the following persons (*mark the boxes that fit your circumstances*):

the minor, _____, who is 14 years of age or older

_____, the person who has had the principal care and custody of the minor during the last 60 days

mother of the minor, if still living: _____

father of the minor, if paternity is established and father is still living:
