

Apparently, too many of you are meeting with rejection when you go to change your license. Contrary to what the clerks are telling you, **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE A LETTER FROM A SURGEON ATTESTING TO BOTTOM SURGERY!!!** You must, though, know how to NOT take "No" for an answer.

First of all, it's a very intentional process that should be worked in step-by-step fashion. Getting your Drivers License changed is the LAST step. I'll provide greater detail at the end, but these are the steps I took:

1. Go to your county courthouse and apply for the name change you always wanted. Wait about 2 weeks for it to come back. You pay extra for copies with the judge's seal, but you must have at least a couple of them. I got about 6 with a seal and 5 without the raised seal embossed on them.
2. Take your name change order with an embossed seal to your Social Security office. This step must be done in person. Recommendations are the office at 6th & Broadway and the office off Hurstbourne.
3. There are multitudes of computer entities tied into the Social Security system computers. You must wait overnight for your change to update across the system.
4. Now that your identity with SSA has been changed, you go to a post office and apply for a passport. Again, you will need your court ordered name change with a raised seal on it; a state issued photo ID; and an original birth certificate (the one where your sex was assigned at birth--Uggghh). You will need to use the DS-11 form and select your gender. If you want expedited service, you will spend over \$240. It's about \$100 normal processing. If you want to expedite the expedited service, call your Senator or Congress person for their intervention. Recommendations are the airport post office on Crittenden Drive, or the outer loop post office.
5. Finally, Drivers License. With your passport, name change order with a raised seal on it...go to the Drivers License office, **NOW THIS IS WHERE YOU MAY FINALLY MEET RESISTANCE AND REJECTION. BE CONFIDENT AND DON'T TAKE "NO" FOR AN ANSWER!!!** This is also where some people get exceptionally smooth sailing, while others are told to come back with a surgeon's letter attesting to bottom surgery. If they try and tell you it is not enough keep pushing back and asking for higher ups until you are giving the correct marker.

This was derived from a plan Addison Yates first published on the Transventures.org website. This has also been updated from its original wording with less steps due to the ability to self identify at the SSA and on your passport.