

IN THE _____ COURT FOR _____ COUNTY, TENNESSEE

_____,)
)
 Petitioner,)
)
 vs.)
 _____,)
)
 Respondent.)

DOCKET NO: _____

In re: _____ d/o/b _____
a child/children under the age of eighteen

MOTION TO HEAR CHILD’S PREFERENCE

Comes now the Respondent/Petitioner, _____, under Tenn. Rule Civ. P. 7.02, and T.C.A. §36-6-106 and moves this Honorable Court to hear the minor child’s preference. In support of this motion, Respondent/Respondent, _____, would show:

1. Child is ____ years of age and able to express his/her preference to the Court and explain his/her reasoning.
2. Child wishes for the Court to consider his/her preference in this action.
3. Movant would ask the Court to make reasonable accommodations for the child’s comfort including: *(depending on age, consider asking for the courtroom to be cleared except for the judge and attorneys, child to be interviewed in chambers, the attorneys to submit their questions to the Court beforehand and the Judge ask them in a conversational manner, etc).
4. That the Parties be ordered not to discuss this matter with said minor child.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, RESPONDENT/PETITIONER PRAYS:

1. That this Honorable Court hear the child’s preference through testimony (*list the requested accommodations).

2. Prior to testimony, Respondent/Petitioner requests the Court order neither party to discuss with the child the proceedings, testifying, or any issue related to litigation.

3. Any such other relief as appropriate under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

THIS MOTION TO BE HEARD ON _____.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of this Motion was forwarded by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following persons on this the _____ day of _____, _____:

[List the names and addresses of each attorney/person/party noticed.]