

**WAYNE COUNTY FRIEND OF THE COURT PROCESS TO  
STIPULATE TO ABATE SUPPORT BASED UPON THE PARTIES' MARRIAGE**

The Friend of the Court may administratively process an abatement of support for parties of domestic relations cases who marry each other **after** the date of their support order. The process for parties to request such action in Wayne County is as follows:

- A. Both parties must “stipulate” or agree to abate support in writing.
- B. Both parties must sign a Stipulation to Abate Support form in ink. The form must be **notarized**. You do not need to have the form notarized if both of your signatures are witnessed by a Friend of the Court representative at our Information Services window. **Photocopied or faxed stipulation forms will not be accepted, only originals.**
- C. A copy of your marriage certificate must be included in the packet, no originals please. A copy of a marriage license **will not** be accepted.
- D. A copy of valid government-issued identification (front and back) must be included in the packet.
- E. The completed stipulation packet must be mailed to:

Wayne County Friend of the Court  
Legal Department  
P.O. Box 31-0920  
Detroit, MI 48231

- F. A Friend of the Court case worker and attorney will review the request and the accompanying documents to determine eligibility for an administrative abatement of support.
- G. If the case is deemed ineligible for administrative abatement of support, the parties will receive a letter explaining the reason the case did not qualify. Parties may either resubmit the packet with the necessary corrections or file a motion to “opt out of Friend of the Court services.”
- H. If the case is accepted for administrative abatement of support, a *Consent Order Abating Support and Cancelling Arrears Based Upon the Parties Marriage and Stipulation* will be entered as an order of the court. Both parties will receive a copy of the order.
- I. Upon entry of the order, the monthly accrual and enforcement of support will terminate. Support may be reinstated if:
  - 1. The payee files a motion to reinstate support; or
  - 2. The dependent(s) become a recipient of DHHS benefits. In that event, support may be reinstated in the amount last ordered, effective the date the dependent(s) began receiving DHHS benefits.
- J. Any arrears that are preserved as part of the order will continue to be enforced by the court.

**THE STIPULATION TO ABATE SUPPORT BASED UPON THE PARTIES' MARRIAGE  
FORM IS AVAILABLE AT [www.3rdcc.org](http://www.3rdcc.org)**

<b>STATE OF MICHIGAN THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT WAYNE COUNTY</b>	<b>STIPULATION TO ABATE SUPPORT BASED UPON PARTIES' MARRIAGE</b>	<b>CASE NO.</b>
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P.O. Box 31-0920, Detroit, MI 48231

(844) 785-7593

Plaintiff's name, address, and telephone number

Defendant's name, address, and telephone number

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We, the Plaintiff and Defendant, request to close our Friend of the Court support case. We certify that the following statements are true:

1. We were married on \_\_\_\_\_. A copy of our marriage certificate is attached.
2. The child or children are not beneficiaries of public assistance, including foster care. If the child or children are receiving public assistance, we certify that both of us are on the DHHS grant.
3. We request that any arrears owed to the parties shown on the Friend of the Court records be cancelled.
4. We do not want child support to be charged or enforced by the Friend of the Court at this time.
5. We understand that support may be reinstated if the payee files a motion to reinstate support, or the minor child or children become recipients of DHHS benefits. If the child or children become a recipient of public assistance, support may be reinstated in the amount last ordered, effective the date the child or children became a beneficiary of public assistance.

We request that the Court enter an order on these terms.

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Plaintiff

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant

**YOUR SIGNATURES MUST BE NOTARIZED**

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