

<b>State of Tennessee</b>	<b>Court</b> _____ (Must Be Completed)	<b>County</b> _____ (Must Be Completed)
<b>Final Decree of Divorce (with Marital Dissolution Agreement)</b>		<b>File No.</b> _____ (Must Be Completed) <b>Division</b> _____ (Large Counties Only)
<b>Plaintiff</b> _____ (Name: First, Middle, Last of spouse filing the divorce)		
<b>Defendant</b> _____ (Name: First, Middle, Last of the other spouse)		

If you are ready to finalize your divorce, you must fill out this form. Only the spouse asking for the divorce must sign it, and that spouse **has to go** to the court hearing. **BUT**, it is a good idea for **both** spouses to go in case the court has questions. The Judge does not have to sign this Order if the Judge does not think your Divorce Agreement is fair.

Take this form with you to your court hearing. Also take all copies you have filed and take:

- **Divorce Agreement**, Form 5, signed by both spouses and notarized if not filed with Request for Divorce
- **Divorce Certificate** - you must get the official state form and have it filled out before court. The clerk may have a copy of this form, or you can find it on-line at: <https://tn.gov/health/article/vr-certificate>

**COURT HEARING AND FINDINGS:**

On (Date) \_\_\_\_\_, there was a court hearing at the court and county listed above  
(MM/DD/YYYY)  
before (Judge's Name): \_\_\_\_\_.

**PARTIES AT THE HEARING:**

**Plaintiff (Spouse filing the divorce):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street or P.O. Box                      City                      State                      Zip                      Phone #

**Defendant (The other spouse):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street or P.O. Box                      City                      State                      Zip                      Phone #

The Court finds that the parties have signed and filed a divorce agreement that makes adequate and sufficient provision for the equitable settlement of property rights between them and fairly apportions their debt (an equitable division).

That Agreement is now filed with and made part of this Order. The spouses swear they have no children together who are under 18, in high school or disabled. **Children together** means children they had together, born before the marriage, **AND** any and all children born during the marriage or adopted.

Based on the parties' **Divorce Agreement**, their **Request for Divorce**, and the entire record for this case, the Court finds good cause to make this **Final Divorce Order**.

THE COURT MAKES THE FOLLOWING ORDERS:

① The parties are now divorced based on irreconcilable differences.  
**Important!** Either spouse has 30 days to appeal this Order. During the next 30 days, you should not get married again or buy any property.

② **Protective Orders** (check **one**):

- Neither party has a current Protective Order.
- The Court ends the current Protective Order.
- The Court continues the current Protective Order until (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

③ **Name Change** (check **one**):

- This Order does not change either party's name.
- This Order changes the Wife's name to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

- This Order changes the Husband's name to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

**Important!** You may need a certified copy of this Order to change your name on your driver's license or other records.

④ **Court Costs** will be paid as follows (check **one**):

- The husband and wife will each pay 50% of the court costs.
- Husband will pay all costs.
- Wife will pay all costs.
- Other agreement: \_\_\_\_\_.

⑤ **Alimony**

- Neither spouse wants alimony
- The (check **one**):  Husband  Wife agrees to pay (amount): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ until (date or condition that ends alimony):

This amount will be paid (check **one**):  Weekly  Monthly  Annually

⑥ **Attorney fees**

- The Wife will pay for her lawyer's fees. The Husband will pay for his lawyer's fees.
- Other (explain):

\_\_\_\_\_

⑦ **Other Orders**

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**Notice:** The Final Decree does not necessarily affect the ability of a creditor to proceed against a party or a party's property, even though the party is not responsible under the terms of the decree for an account, any debt associated with an account or any debt. It may be in a party's best interest to cancel, close or freeze any jointly held accounts. T.C.A. §36-4-134.

This means that this Order does **not** protect you against creditors. They may try to collect from you, even if your spouse is responsible for the debt. It may be best to cancel, close, or freeze any accounts you have together.

This Order is made on Date (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_ by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge's signature

Presented by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Person Getting the Order

Wife's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

If your spouse did not go to this hearing, you must mail him/her a copy of this signed Final Divorce Order. Then fill out the part below.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE:**

I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of this Order was mailed by U.S. Mail via 1<sup>st</sup> Class Postage, to the other party spouse at the address listed above, on Date (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_.

Spouse who mails it signs here: \_\_\_\_\_

Date (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_.

ATTACHED:

- Divorce Agreement**
- Divorce Certificate** (if not already submitted)
- Other:** \_\_\_\_\_