

PIERCE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT  
5501 SIXTH AVENUE  
TACOMA, WA 98406

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REQUIREMENTS FOR  
LIFTING SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION

IN THIS PACKET YOU WILL FIND:

- a) Summary of the Washington Code
- b) Instructions for lifting sex offender registration
- c) List of polygraphists
- d) Blank Motion to Lift Sex Offender Registration

This packet is to assist you in the process to have a Juvenile requirement lifted for Sex Offender Registration. This packet is appropriate for Pierce County only. If you were charged in other counties, you must motion the court in the county where you were charged. In order to request to have a sex offender registration lifted, an offender must file a Motion with the Court. The enclosed document is provided for your convenience.

**The court clerk, prosecutor and other court officials are not allowed to give legal advice.** You may wish to hire an attorney if you require further assistance.

**THE ORIGINAL MOTION WILL GO TO THE PIERCE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT CLERK'S OFFICE AND SHOULD BE FILLED OUT USING BLUE INK WHICH EASILY DESIGNATES IT AS THE ORIGINAL.**

Fill out a **Motion** to have a Juvenile requirement lifted for Sex Offender Registration. **Please print all information clearly.** You are the Respondent. In your own words, explain why you believe the registration should be lifted. Sign and date the Motion.

If the requirement has been granted, you will need to mail or personally deliver a copy of the Order to have a juvenile requirement lifted for Sex Offender Registration to the Pierce County Sheriff's Department.

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**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT:  
LIFTING SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION**

Pursuant to Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 9A.44.145, the Washington State Patrol (WSP) is required to notify each registrant of any changes to the sex and kidnapping offender registration requirements. During the 2009 Legislative Session, no bills were signed that changed the sex and kidnapping offender registration requirements. However, chapter 210, laws of 2009 (Substitute Senate Bill 5326) requires the WSP to notify individuals convicted of a sex offense as a juvenile of their ability to petition the court for relief from registration as provided in RCW 9A.44.140.

**Summary:** A sex or kidnapping offender who committed his or her crime as a juvenile may petition the superior court to be relieved of the duty to register. The court must consider the nature of the offense committed by the petitioner as well as relevant conduct by the petitioner since the date of the offense. Standards differ depending on how old the petitioner was when the crime was committed.

If the petitioner was 15 or older when the crime was committed, the petitioner must show by clear and convincing evidence that future registration will not serve the interest of public safety.

If the petitioner was under the age of 15 when the crime was committed, the court may relieve the petitioner of the duty to register if the person has not committed another sex offense for two years and can show by a preponderance of the evidence that future registration will not serve the interest of public safety.

**This provision does not apply to a juvenile prosecuted as an adult.**

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Respondents setting motions to lift registration should be advised of the protocol utilized in Pierce County prior to terminating the requirement:

- 1) Proof of successful completion of SSODA or required treatment. If the respondent did JRA as opposed to SSODA, he/she must provide proof of completed sex offender treatment there.
- 2) Maintenance of at least one year of law abiding behavior after probation has been terminated.
- 3) Proof of recent polygraph (within three months of motion) showing no deception with a focus on questions addressing sexual behavior (i.e. no porn use, etc.). The polygraphist must be court-approved.
- 4) Compliance with all registration requirements (i.e. proof the respondent has indeed been living at the address he last registered).

**List of approved polygraph providers:**

Rich Pregrin 360-943-8433	Rick Minnich 253-874-3458
Pat Seaburg 253-380-4602	Marty Gunderson 360-280-5881

**Procedure:**

- 1) Get polygraph test from an approved polygraphist from the above list. If the respondent or their attorney is out-of-county, contact the local prosecutor or District Attorney's office or police department for a local recommendation for a well-respected polygraph examiner. Be sure to attach the polygraphist's Curriculum Vitae (C.V.) with the polygraph results.
- 2) Bring Motion, results from polygraph and proof of SSODA completion to the Pierce County Juvenile Court Clerk's Office.
- 3) You will be given a hearing date 30 days from the filing date, on a Monday at 1:00 p.m.
- 4) After the hearing, if the Motion is granted, the Clerk's office will provide you with a certified copy of the Order. There is a fee for the certified copy.
- 5) You will need to provide a copy of the Order to the Pierce County Sheriff's Department.

