Uncontested Divorce in Oklahoma

A plain-English guide from Cindy at Payless Divorce

If you and your spouse agree to divorce, the next question is usually, “What do we do first?” Start by writing down what you both agree to. The court paperwork needs to spell out who gets what, who pays what, and, if you have minor children, how parenting time and support will work.

Can we do an uncontested divorce?

An agreed, uncontested divorce usually means you both agree on the divorce and the terms you want the judge to approve. “We both want a divorce” is a start. Go through the house, cars, debts, and any parenting arrangements so you know whether you agree on the details, too.

Where do we file?

Generally, one spouse must have lived in Oklahoma for at least six months right before filing. Oklahoma also has county filing rules. You can generally file in the county where the petitioner has lived for at least 30 days or in the county where the respondent lives. If either of you recently moved, confirm the correct court before paying a filing fee.

What if we still disagree?

Make a short list of what is settled and what is still up in the air. If you both want help talking it through, family and divorce mediation may help. If you need advice about your rights or what to sign, talk with an Oklahoma family-law attorney.

Payless Divorce Service of Oklahoma, Inc. provides document preparation, administrative courthouse help, and mediation. This guide gives general information. For advice about your own case, speak with an attorney.

From paperwork to final decree

1. Fill out your worksheet

When you order an online paperwork package from Payless Divorce, we email your intake worksheet. Use full legal names and tell us exactly what you agreed to. If something changes while we are typing your paperwork, email your typist so we have your updated instructions in writing.

2. Open the case

The spouse opening the case is called the petitioner. The other spouse is the respondent. The petition is filed with the district court clerk. Ask about the court filing fee so you can budget for it along with your paperwork package.

3. Handle service or the waiver

The respondent must receive formal notice unless a valid waiver is used. The petition comes first. In Tulsa County, the respondent must wait at least 24 hours after the petition is filed before signing and filing the waiver of service. If your spouse will not sign a waiver, ask the clerk or an attorney about proper service and what comes next.

4. Follow your court’s instructions

For an agreed Tulsa County case without minor children, check the court’s 11-day instructions and confirm which filing date applies to your case. With minor children, Oklahoma generally requires at least 90 days from filing before a final order. A judge can waive that period for good cause when neither party objects. Court schedules and any required paperwork can affect timing.

5. Make sure the decree is filed

Follow your assigned court’s directions for submitting the agreed decree or attending a hearing. Once the judge signs the decree, confirm it was filed and keep a file-stamped copy.

What to write down before you start

Property and debts

Write down who keeps each vehicle and who is supposed to pay each loan or credit card. If somebody is refinancing or paying the other spouse, include the amount and a clear deadline. If there is a house or land, have a copy of the recorded deed handy with the full legal description. Mention retirement accounts up front. A separate order may be needed to divide some retirement plans.

If you have minor children

Write down where the children will live, how you will make major decisions, and when parenting time begins and ends. “Every other weekend” leaves questions. “Every other Saturday at noon through Sunday at 7 p.m.” gives both parents a time they can put on the calendar. Agree on who handles pickup and drop-off, and cover holidays and school breaks.

Gather both parents’ gross income before taxes, the cost of the children’s health coverage, and any work-related childcare costs. Those details can affect child support. If you have an existing support or custody order, have a copy handy.

A heads-up for Tulsa County parents

Tulsa’s instructions for cases involving minor children include a Parenting Plan Conference and a parenting class. There is a local waiver process for the conference if the requirements are met. Confirm your dates and what you need to complete with the court.

Before you sign

Read the whole agreement and check names, numbers, and dates. If you feel pressured to sign or have safety concerns, speak privately with an attorney or an advocate before going ahead.

Help when you want it

SKIPTRIP™ | Courthouse filing assistance

If getting to the courthouse is the hard part, ask about SKIPTRIP™. We help with the filing and courthouse errands covered by your package. We'll go over what we can handle and which steps you may still need to do yourself. COURTSUPPORT™ benefits are included while your SKIPTRIP™ service is active.

COURTSUPPORT™ | We've Got This!

For a one-time payment of $250, we handle unlimited administrative courthouse inquiries over six months. We can call or email about case status, document filings, hearing dates, or whether your decree has been signed or filed. We make reasonable follow-up attempts and send you written updates by email.

Family and divorce mediation

If you're stuck on a parenting schedule, bills, or another issue, I can help you talk it through as a neutral mediator. You and your spouse decide whether to agree and what the agreement says. Our mediation rate is $225 an hour with a two-hour minimum.

Which one fits?

Ready to put your agreement in writing? Start with a paperwork package. Want help with the courthouse trips? Ask about SKIPTRIP™. Want us to handle the calls or emails to check on your case? Ask about COURTSUPPORT™. Still working out the terms together? Ask about mediation.

Your next step

A quick checklist

• Confirm which county you'll file in.

• Write down what you both agreed to and flag anything still undecided.

• Gather your property, debt, and parenting details, as applicable.

• Check your court's filing, service, and finalization instructions.

• Choose the paperwork or support package that fits what you need.

Get started with Payless Divorce

Visit paylessdivorceme.com to compare packages, schedule an appointment, or ask about mediation and courthouse help. For office information, call 918-664-4482.

Court instructions and Oklahoma law

Oklahoma Statutes, Title 43 — §§ 102–103 (residency and county filing), 107.1–107.2 (minor children and educational programs).

Tulsa County instructions without minor children and service and timing guidance.

Tulsa County instructions with minor children — local steps, court conference, and class.

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