

**236.10 Plaintiff's address — confidentiality of records.**

1. A person seeking relief from domestic abuse under [this chapter](#) may use any of the following addresses as a mailing address for purposes of filing a petition under [this chapter](#), as well as for the purpose of obtaining any utility or other service:

- a. The mailing address of a shelter or other agency.
- b. A public or private post office box.
- c. Any other mailing address, with the permission of the resident of that address.

2. A person shall report any change of address, whether designated according to [subsection 1](#) or otherwise, to the clerk of court no more than five days after the previous address on record becomes invalid.

3. The entire file or a portion of the file in a domestic abuse case shall be sealed by the clerk of court as ordered by the court to protect the privacy interest or safety of any person.

4. Notwithstanding [subsection 3](#), court orders and support payment records shall remain public records, although the court may order that address and location information be redacted from the public records.

[C81, §236.10]

[97 Acts, ch 175, §229](#); [98 Acts, ch 1170, §1](#); [2000 Acts, ch 1119, §2](#); [2000 Acts, ch 1132, §1](#)  
Referred to in [§236.3, §915.50](#)