Remember Detail, Accuracy, and Be Specific

Date	Time	Type of Noise	Duration of Noise	Date	Time	Type of Noise	Duration of Noise

Office use only

Received _____

Let/Pam/Lic _____

CF _____ CA _____

Supervisor _____

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Animal Control
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Noise Complaint Form

A person wishing to file a complaint against the owner of a dog creating a disturbance by barking, howling, or yelping must first maintain a dog Noise Complaint Log. A detailed, specific, and accurately kept log means a better chance of success if the case should be challenged in court. **After this log is completed and signed, return to Animal Control.**

A letter is sent to the owner warning of reported complaints and the need to train the dog. All complaint logs are forwarded to the Law Department for their review and processing. If sufficient evidence exists for a complaint, the city prosecutor will file charges against the animal owner.

To increase the possibility of legal action and charges being filed, have additional witnesses from neighbors or other residences complete these forms also. Otherwise, it may become a situation whereby it's the dog owner's word against yours.

All conditions must be met before charges can be filed

6.08.160 BARKING, HOWLING, OR YELPING DOGS

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or harbor any dog which by loud, continued, or frequent barking, howling, or yelping shall annoy or disturb any neighborhood, person, or persons. Provided, however, this section shall not apply to the Humane Society or licensed veterinarians.

Sample Log

Date	Time	Type of Noise	Duration of Noise

Please Print Clearly

Read all instructions before beginning this log.

This log must be kept in the following manner:

1. **Be Specific.** (Example: "Dog barked all day." **Wrong!!**
   "April 2, 4 a.m., barked 20 min." **Right!!**"

2. Keep the log for **48 continuous hours. No longer, no less.** It is not necessary to stay up all night to monitor noise; just note when noise annoys you.

3. Indicate each and every time the noise is annoying and for how long the dog makes noise. Make sure you verify the dog complained about is the dog making the noise.

4. To increase the possibility of legal action and charges being filed, have additional witnesses from neighbors or other residences complete these forms also. Otherwise, it may become a situation whereby it's the dog owner's word against yours.

5. When the log is completed (after 48 hours), return it to Animal Control.

A detailed, specific, and accurate log is absolutely necessary in order to resolve noisy dog problems.

Dog Owner's Name: _____

Dog Owner's Address: _____

Dog Description: _____

Date	Time	Type of Noise	Duration of Noise	Date	Time	Type of Noise	Duration of Noise
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Notice

Read this before you sign: By signing this log, you are stating that at the time indicated on the log, the noise of the particular dog complained about was loud and annoyed or disturbed **you personally.** If legal action is taken and a trial set, you will be required to testify based on your verification of the evidence contained in this log.

Complainant's Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____