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Information To Help With Barking Dogs In Show Low

When there is a problem with barking dogs, it is helpful to talk with or leave a note for the animal owner. Although this may be difficult to do at first, communicating with the animal's owner is usually the most effective way to resolve the problem.

To talk with your neighbor:

- Try to talk with your neighbor when you are not frustrated about the barking.
- When you approach your neighbor, be calm and plan to discuss the barking in a friendly manner.
- Inform them of the time of day or night that the dog is barking.
- Ask the neighbor whether you can contact them, day or night, when the barking is a problem.

If leaving a note for your neighbor:

- Explain what the dog does when the family is away from the residence.
- Choose words that are not offensive or intimidating to the dog owner.
- If you feel safe doing so; leave them your name, telephone number, or address so they can respond to your letter.



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City of Show Low Barking Dog Ordinance

Sec. 6-1-6. Disturbing the peace.

Any owner whose animal disturbs the peace and quiet of any person any time of the day or night by barking, whining, howling, crowing, braying, burrowing or by making any other similar objectionable noise in an excessive, continuous or untimely fashion is guilty of a civil violation.

(Ord. No. 143, § 2, 6-24-81; Ord. No. 194, § 2, 2-8-84; Ord. No. 2004-20, §§ 1-2, 9-21-04)



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Information Form For Barking Dog Complaint

Keeping a dog which disturbs the peace and quiet of others is a violation of City of Show Low Ordinance, 6-1-6 Disturbing the Peace. Before a formal complaint is filed in court, precautions must be taken to ensure correct identification of the defendant. If the defendant fails to appear in court in response to a summons, and further action is warranted by the court, the description of the defendant must be sufficient to prevent prosecution of the wrong person.

Please provide as much of the following requested information as possible to ensure correct identification of the dog owner and to expedite the issuance of a complaint.

_____		_____		_____	
(last name)		(first name)		(middle initial)	
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(race)	(sex)	(DOB, or Appox. Age)	(height)	(weight)	(eye color) (hair color)
_____				_____	
(street address, apartment #)				(telephone #)	
_____				_____	
(place of employment)				(work phone#)	

(list all vehicle license numbers, makes, models belonging to animal owner)

Describe The Dog(s) In Question: _____

Please describe the problem in the space provided on the next page. Be sure to include the following information:

- Dates the dog owner was notified of disturbance and asked to keep dog quiet.
- Any efforts taken to resolve the problem.
- Specific dates and times when the barking occurred, including the incident referred to on the petition.



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PETITION

We, the undersigned, do hereby state that we have been disturbed by a BARKING DOG owned by:

*

_____ (owner's name)

at

_____ (address location)

**On the ____ day of _____, 201__, from ____ to ____ o'clock.
(day) (month) (year) (time) (time)

Complainant's Information:

_____ (signature)

_____ (name printed)

_____ (signature)

_____ (name printed)

Only one (1) address location per Petition will be accepted, additional Petitions should be used for more address locations if needed.

*Please give the first and last name of the person owning the dog at the time of this incident.

**Please give one definite date the dog barked and disturbed your peace.

All petition signers must be willing to appear and testify in Court if necessary, that they heard the dog bark on the above date at the above location.

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