

BARKING DOGS

Neighbor's barking dog disturbing you?

Animal Services staff understands that a neighbor's barking dog can be frustrating to live with, but we encourage residents to address the problem directly with their neighbor first. sometimes, a friendly chat or letter is all that is required to notify a neighbor that his/her dog is causing an issue. Most people want to be good neighbors and will take action to reduce their dogs barking if they know there is an issue.

If you decide to leave a letter for your neighbor, be polite and do not use inflammatory words. take some time to write the letter after you have had a chance to calm down. Also, be specific in your details of the barking times and conditions. This will assist your neighbor in trying to determine why the dog is barking.

If speaking with your neighbor has not reduced the barking, the Animal Services Division may be contacted to assist. Animal Services will attempt to make contact with the owner of the animal either in person, by phone or notification on the door about possible violation. Animal Services will respond to barking dogs 24 hours per day 7 days per week. Animal Services is open 7 days per week 8 am- 6 pm. After hours on call Animal Services and possibly a police officer will respond. If these actions do not resolve the issue, a complainant may file charges through Animal Services. For the information to be admitted in court, it is necessary the complainant be available to testify; therefore, no charges may be filed anonymously.

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