

## Barking Dog Incident Log City of Alpine Texas

One entry per incident where the dog barked continuously for at least 5 minutes. There must be 15 minutes between incidents.

#	Date	Time Began	Time Ended	Were Owners Home?	Location of Dog	Your Location	Description of Event
1				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
2				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
3				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
4				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
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6				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
7				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
8				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
9				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
10				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
11				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
12				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			

**Please read this before you sign:** By signing this *Barking Dog incident Log*, you are stating that during the date(s) and time(s) indicated above, the noise of this particular dog was loud, annoying and disturbing **you personally**. If legal action is taken and a trial is set at the City of Alpine Municipal Court, you will be subpoenaed and required to testify in court based on your verification of the evidence contained within the *Barking Dog Incident Log* history document.

Complainant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed complainant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Complainant's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Instructions**

A resident may elect to file a noise complaint against the owner of a dog that is creating a disturbance by barking, howling or yelping. There are two scenarios as described below.

Dog **IS** barking in the presence of an officer (Police Officer or Animal Control Officer)

- Dog must be continually barking for 5 minutes or more
- The dog must be barking in the presence of the officer
- A citation may be issued based on the circumstances.

Dog **IS NOT** barking in the presence of an officer (Police Officer or Animal Control Officer)

- An officer cannot issue a citation based upon what they have personally witnessed because they did not witness the dog barking. They are relying on information provided by you to prove the case.
- On the first reported complaint, notification will be made with the pet owner informing them that their dog is disturbing and that they need to abate the situation,
- A Barking Dog Incident Report and a Barking Dog Incident Log will be provided.
  - The barking dog incident report will provide information to the prosecutor that increases chances of conviction.
  - The barking dog log helps establish the barking dog as a nuisance and increases the chances of conviction.
- Addition information such as audio or video recordings helps provide evidence that the barking dog is a nuisance.
- To increase the possibility of legal action charges being filed, please include additional witnesses, such as neighbors residing within the vicinity, who are willing to complete a complaint form and appear in Municipal Court. You may file a complaint without additional witnesses. However, it may become a situation whereby it could be the pet owner's word against yours.
- There is no set threshold on how many times a dog has to bark or how long a dog has to bark. Each case is based upon its specific elements.
- **THE CASE WILL BE DECIDED UPON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY YOU. THEREFORE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU BE AS DETAILED AS POSSIBLE AND PROVIDE AS MUCH EVIDENCE AS POSSIBLE.**