



Norwich Animal Control Barking Dog Incident Log

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 not personally witnessed. 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 their dog is creating a disturbance and 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 Incident Log helps establish the barking dog as a nuisance and increases the chances of conviction.
- Additional information such as audio or video recordings help provide evidence that the barking dog is a nuisance.
- To increase the possibility of legal action and 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



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Date	Time
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Officer/Badge	

The complainant to complete this form.
Write UNKNOWN if you do not know the answer.

Complainant Information						
Name (Last, First MI)					Date of Birth	
Address			City	State	Zip	
Phone Number						
Dog Owner Information						
Please provide as much of the following requested information as possible to ensure the correct identification of the dog owner.						
Name (Last, First MI)					Phone #	
Address			City	State	Zip	
Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Hair color	Eye color	Approx. age
Vehicle description (To assist with identifying the dog owner)						
1 License Plate	1 Make/Model		1 Color	2 License Plate	2 Make/Model	2 Color
Information on barking						
Use the incident log to track occurrences.						
Number of dogs at location		Description of Dog(s) – Name, Breed, Color, Size				
Has barking occurred multiple times?		Time barking began: _____ Time barking ended: _____ If barking was not continuous, estimate the total minutes during the hour in which the barking occurred: _____				
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> (complete log) No <input type="checkbox"/>						
Date barking occurred						
Where was the dog when the barking occurred? (e.g., inside or outside, front or rear yard, etc.)						
Where were you when the barking occurred? (e.g., inside house, in yard, etc.)						
Efforts taken to resolve the problem						
Did you speak with the offending dog's owner? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Response:				Did you leave a note for the offending dog's owner? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Response:		
Did you report this to your Property Manager, Landlord, HOA? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Response:				Have you tried using a mediation service? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Response:		
Are there other witnesses? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>						
Name (Last, First MI)					Phone #	
Address			City	State	Zip	
Attached documents and evidence: <input type="checkbox"/> Incident Log <input type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Other:						
Printed Name			Signature			Date

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



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

#	Date	Time Began	Time Ended	Was the owner home? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>	Location of dog	Your location	Description of event
1				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>			
2				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>			
3				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>			
4				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>			
5				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>			
6				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>			
7				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>			
8				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>			
9				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>			
10				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>			
11				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>			
12				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>			

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Complainant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed complainant's name: _____ Complainant's address: _____



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Connecticut General Statutes §22-363 states:

Nuisance. No person shall own or harbor a dog or dogs which is or are a nuisance by reason of vicious disposition or excessive barking or other disturbance, or, by such barking or other disturbance, is or are a source of annoyance to any sick person residing in the immediate vicinity. Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction for the first offense and a class D misdemeanor for each subsequent offense and the court or judge may make such order concerning the restraint or disposal of such dog or dogs as may be deemed necessary.