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Barking Dog 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 **Noise Complaint Log**. A detailed, specific, and accurately kept log means a better chance for success should the case be challenged in court. After this log is completed and signed, return it to the Municipal Court Clerk or the Deputy Court Clerk at the address above.

The City will contact the owner of the property where the dog is located, either by telephone or by a letter, informing the property owner of the reported complaint.

All complaint logs are forwarded to the City of Woodcreek Prosecutor for their review. If sufficient evidence exists for a complaint, the City Prosecutor may file charges in the Woodcreek Municipal Court against the owner or inhabitant of the home at which the animal is located.

To increase the possibility of legal action and charges being filed, have additional witnesses from neighbors residing in the vicinity who are willing to not only complete these forms but also appear in court. Otherwise, it may become a situation whereby it's the dog owner's word against yours.

ALL CONDITIONS MUST BE MET BEFORE CHARGES WILL BE FILED

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**
"June 2, 1 a.m., dog barked 15 minutes" – **RIGHT**
2. **Keep the log for 48 continuous hours.** It is not necessary to stay up all night to monitor noise; just note when noise annoys you or your guests.
3. Indicate each and every time the noise is annoying and for how long the dog makes noise. Make sure you verify that the dog in question is the one 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 as well. Otherwise, it may become a situation where it's the dog owner's word against yours.
5. When the log is completed (**after 48 hours**), return to the Municipal Court Clerk or Deputy Court Clerk.

