



Barking Dog Complaint Petition

Thank you for contacting our office regarding the barking dog issue in your neighborhood. Code Compliance left educational information at their property advising of the barking dog concern. Enclosed you will find information that explains the requirements necessary for you to take the next steps to address your barking dog complaint. Please review the information carefully as all requirements must be met. In filing a complaint with the city, it is possible that legal action could be initiated against the offending dog owner for creating a nuisance.

For the Goodyear Code Compliance Division to initiate enforcement, the subsequent criteria need to be satisfied.

- ***A petition signed by a minimum of two (2) or more independent witnesses who are not related whose peace and quiet has been disturbed***
- ***A detailed written log documenting the barking for one (1) week by each person signing the petition***
- ***Audio/video recordings of dog barking during the one (1) week period the written logs are completed, by at least one person signing the petition.***
- ***Willingness to testify in court by each person signing the petition***

After the information is completed and submitted, it will be sent to the City Code Compliance Manager for review. The Code Compliance Manager will review the packet for completed documentation.

The dog owner has been informed of the complaint and encouraged to take steps to correct any excessive barking to avoid potential enforcement action.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Code Compliance at codecompliance@goodyearaz.gov or leave a message at (623) 882-7815. The message will be returned within twenty-four (24) hours.

Requirements Barking Dog Complaint

In order for the city to address a barking dog complaint, certain information must be completed and returned to the City of Goodyear Code Compliance Division. Once the information is fully completed and returned, it will be reviewed. The Code Compliance Manager who decides to proceed with enforcement.

The documents included in this packet must be completed and returned to the Code Compliance Division.

- **Information Form:** Completed by the primary complainant that describes the problem, a description of the dog or dogs in question, and efforts you have taken to resolve the problem. Provide as much detail as possible.
- **Petition:** Completed by the primary complainant and signed by the complainant and at least one (1) other independent witness who is not related and resides in a different household and is directly affected by the barking. All petition signers must be willing to testify in court to the nuisance.
- **Written Logs:** Completed by each person signing the petition. The logs must include all of the information requested on the form. In order to document a continuous problem, the dog(s) barking must be documented for at least a one (1) week period.
- **Audio Recordings:** Audiotape/Video recordings of the dog(s) barking during the one (1) week written log period must be made and submitted by at least one person signing the petition.
 - When making the recordings, state the date and time on the recording when the barking starts and again when it stops.
 - Video recordings with audio are also acceptable.

When petitions, logs and audio tapes are properly completed, please either:

Email to: Codecompliance@goodyearaz.gov Or deliver to:

**City of Goodyear
Code Compliance Division
1900 North Civic Square
Goodyear AZ 85395**

Information Form

For Barking Dog Complaint

Please provide as much information as possible to support the complaint.

Describe the problem:

Describe the dog(s) in question:

Date(s) when the dog owner was notified of the disturbance:

Any other efforts taken to resolve the problem:

Other:

Complainant Name: (Please print name)

Signature

Petition

For Barking Dog Complaint

We the undersigned attest that the barking dog(s) are a continuous problem and are creating a nuisance.

Print name of dog(s) owner (if known)

Address of barking dog(s)

Complainant Information:

Signature

Print name

Address

Phone number

By signing the petition, we agree, if necessary, to testify in court to the information that has been provided.

1. _____
Petitioner signature

Print name

Address

Phone number

2. _____
Petitioner signature

Print name

Address

Phone number

3. _____
Petitioner signature

Print name

Address

Phone number

Written Log

For Barking Dog Complaint

In order to document a continuous problem, the nuisance must be documented for a one (1) week period. The dog barked continuously for at least ten (10) minutes.

Date Log Started: _____ **Date Log Completed:** _____

Date	Time Began	Time Ended	Notes (Contacted PD, Spoke to neighbor, etc.)

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 dog was loud, annoying and disturbed you personally. **If legal action is taken and a hearing is set at the City of Goodyear Municipal Court, you will be subpoenaed and required to testify in court based on your verification of the evidence contained within this "Barking Dog Incident Log" history document.**

Completed by: (Please print name)

Signature

Date

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