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BARKING DOG COMPLAINT FORM

Reporting Party Information

**required fields*

*Last Name	*First Name	
*Mailing Address	*City	*Zip Code
*Phone Number	Cell phone	

Barking Dog Information

Owner's Last name (if known)	First Name
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*Address of Barking Dog _____

Description and number of barking dogs _____

1ST Date:	Duration/Time:	Circle One:
	From: (a.m./p.m.)	Incessant Intermittent
2nd Date:	Duration/Time:	Circle One:
	From: (a.m./p.m.)	Incessant Intermittent

Have you attempted to contact the dog owner or other responsible party? Yes or No

By signing this statement, I am willing to sign a complaint with the City Attorney for prosecution.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE KEEP FOR YOUR FILES

If this matter is forwarded to the city attorney, you must be willing to do the following:

1. Go to an administrative and testify against the pet owner.
2. Keep a log of the dates, times, and durations of the disturbance.
3. Sign an affidavit under penalty of perjury that your log is true and accurate.

TMC 6-1-213 Disturbing the peace

It shall be unlawful for any person owning, possessing, controlling, harboring, or keeping any dog, cat, or other animal or fowl to permit such dog, cat, or other animal or fowl to disturb the peace and quiet of any citizen of the City. The term "any citizen" shall mean and include a prudent or reasonable individual, of ordinary sensibility, exercising reasonable care under the totality of the circumstances whose peace is disturbed by such animal(s). (a) When one (1) citizen complaint of a noise disturbance is received, Animal Services and Control Officers will establish that the animal is properly licensed with the City of Turlock, if applicable, and advise the owner to quiet the animal or remove it from the City limits and/or issue such owner a citation for noise disturbance pursuant to TMC 9-2-309(e). (b) When the second complaint is received from a citizen, officers will establish that the complaining parties live in separate residences and that both are willing to participate in the owner's prosecution. Then Animal Services and Control Officers shall prepare and forward a nuisance report to the City Attorney for review.

TMC 5-28-110 (e) Prohibited acts.

The following acts are hereby prohibited (e) Animals. Keeping or maintaining, or permitting to be kept or maintained, upon any premises owned, occupied, or controlled by any person any animal which, by any frequent or long continued noise, shall cause annoyance or discomfort to two (2) or more reasonable persons of normal sensitiveness who reside in separate residences (including apartments and condominiums). However, the Noise Control Officer or his agent may proceed on the basis of a complaint of only one person if circumstances are determined to exist whereby a noise disturbance caused by an animal affects only one individual. **Any noise which is audible continuously for ten (10) minutes or intermittently for thirty (30) minutes shall be prima facie evidence of such annoyance or discomfort.** Factors which can be used to evaluate excessive animal noise include, but are not limited to, (a) the time of day; (b) the pitch; (c) the pattern; (d) the duration; and (e) the frequency of occurrence;