



BARKING COMPLAINT FORM

Please fill out the complaint form to the best of your knowledge. If you don't know the information, put Not Available. We strive to find the best way to serve our community, and we want the best possible outcome for all our residents. Noise complaints about dogs from citizens happen frequently. Tucker County does have a barking ordinance that prohibits any person from owning or harboring dogs which continuously bark and cause a disturbance of the peace in Tucker County, West Virginia. For Tucker County Animal Control to issue a citation and schedule a hearing for Disturbance of the Peace, certain criteria must be met to ensure validity of the complaints. **At no time will Tucker County Animal Control or any law enforcement officer remove an animal from a property due to a noise complaint.** The reporting parties must follow this criteria listed below:

1. The citizen must have tried to contact the dog owner either in person or through a friendly note. (Notes containing vulgar and offensive language do not get the outcome people would like)
2. See if your community HOA or management office have policies for noise restrictions. (Sometimes they can act faster than we can)
3. Check with other neighbors to see if this is a problem in the neighborhood. You **MUST** have TWO other neighbors willing to appear in court with you.
4. Have you or fellow neighbors tried bark deterrent devices from your own yard? Such as sonic bark deterrents; many of these devices can be purchased in local and online retailers. When three or more parties have an excessive noise complaint at an address and meet the criteria, please fill out the Excessive Noise Complaint Form. All complainants must complete a 7-day barking log.

Your complaint may be rejected and this is why:

1. Incorrect owner information.
2. Less than three reporting parties at different addresses.
3. Reporting parties do not live within reasonable proximity of the barking dog.
4. Does not meet time restrictions. Any barking during the daytime will not be taken into consideration.
5. Barking log is not 7 consecutive days.
6. All parties must be willing to appear at a hearing. In the event you are in a rural area where 3 neighbors are not available you may submit a barking complaint, but it will be reviewed. Be aware if your complaint meets the criteria, we must give the owner notice before a citation can be issued. You will be required to maintain a barking log for another 7 days minimum. If the barking has not stopped in that time period, a citation can be issued. A hearing date will be given for the earliest the officer can issue; generally, 30 to 45 days from the date of issue. In that time, it is highly recommended you maintain your log. If the reporting parties do not show up to the hearing the case will be dismissed. **Officers cannot testify to dogs barking, when officers arrive to educate dog owners or issue citations, dogs are expected to bark when they are at the property.**

Please mail your completed forms (minimum of 3 completed barking logs, 3 excessive noise questionnaires from 3 neighbors, and one fully completed barking complaint form) to 586 Brooklyn Heights Road Parsons, WV 26287 or email to animalcontrol@tcanimalshelter.org.



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Excessive Noise Questionnaire

1. Have you spoken to the residents of the property the dog lives on?
2. Have you spoken to other neighbors to see if this is a disturbance of ?
3. Is the barking during the time frame evening to early morning, if so what time?
4. Are you a permanent resident or visit during certain times of the year if so what time frame do you reside?
5. Do you currently reside on the property neighboring the property the dog lives on?
6. Are you willing to maintain a Log book of the Date, Time, and Duration of the dog barking?
7. Are you willing to go to a hearing and testify to the legitimacy of your Log book and any other evidence and testimony you may have about Excessive Noise If a citation is issued?
8. Has this been occurring for consecutive days, if so how many?



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Reporting party #1						
Name (Last, First MI)						
Address	City	State	Zip	Unit/Apt #		
Telephone Home/Cell		Email	Date of Birth			
Reporting party #2						
Name (Last, First MI)						
Address	City	State	Zip	Unit/Apt #		
Telephone Home/Cell		Email	Date of Birth			
Reporting party #3						
Name (Last, First MI)						
Address	City	State	Zip	Unit/Apt #		
Telephone Home/Cell		Email	Date of Birth			
Dog owner						
Name (Last, First MI)						
Address	City	State	Zip	Unit/Apt #		
Dog Description						
Number of Dogs	Dog kept outside		Is there a dog door		Dogs on tie out	
	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Dog 1. Breed						
Dog 2. Breed						
Dog 3. Breed						
Dog 4. Breed						
Dog 5. Breed						

Reporting Party Information:
Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____



BARKING LOG

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