

# Courtesy Notice: 1

## CERTIFIED MAIL

Dear Neighbor:

This letter is to advise you that on multiple occasions your dog has been barking or howling for at least fifteen minutes in a manner that is disturbing to your neighbors.

Dogs may bark for a good reason. Sometimes they get a response and continue the behavior. However, dogs that bark frequently are a problem, and often owners do not realize that their dog may be causing a disturbance to their neighbors.

These incidents are being documented, and it is hoped that this will not continue as the City of Wichita Falls does consider frequent or long and continued barking to be a nuisance.

Your dog has caused a disturbance on the following dates and times:

1. Date:

Time:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Date:

Time:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Date:

Time:

\_\_\_\_\_

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It is understood that you may not be aware of this issue, but the good news is that dogs and neighbors can live in harmony. Pet owners can get information from the Humane Society, the American Kennel Club, and other organizations about why dogs bark. They also offer advice on how to correct excessive barking.

The Humane Society website is: [www.humanesociety.org/animals/dogs/tips/how to stop barking.html](http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/dogs/tips/how_to_stop_barking.html)

The AKC website is: <http://www.akc.org/content/dog-training/articles/how-to-stop-a-dog-from-barking/>

Thank you for respecting your neighbors and the neighborhood.

# Courtesy Notice: 2

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Dear Neighbor:

1. Your dog has continued to bark or howl continuously for at least fifteen minutes in a manner that is disturbing your neighbors.

2. You received a previous notice (mailed on) \_\_\_\_\_, but the noise has continued. On the following dates and times, your dog has disturbed at least two of your neighbors:

3. Date:	Time:
_____	_____
4. Date:	Time:
_____	_____
5. Date:	Time:
_____	_____
6. Date:	Time:
_____	_____
7. Date:	Time:
_____	_____

(number) incidents in total have occurred within a one-month (30-day) period. These incidents have been documented, and the complaint may be forwarded to the Wichita Falls Municipal Court for review.

Barking dogs may be found to be in violation of City Ordinance Sec. 14-11. - Noise, and may result in citations and fines.

You will not receive another notice prior to my documentation being sent to Animal Services.

I would like to thank you for respecting the quiet enjoyment of the neighborhood by all your neighbors.