



Wichita Falls Animal Services Center  
940-761-7824 (Animal Control Dispatch)  
940-761-8894 (Animal Services Front Desk)  
1207 Hatton Road Wichita Falls, TX 76302

Shelter Hours: Mon-Fri 11:00 am – 6:00 pm and Sat 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

If you continue to experience excessive noise violations after receiving this response and want to pursue this matter further, you may complete the attached time log and witness statement and turn these documents, along with any audio/visual evidence, into the Wichita Falls Municipal Court. Upon review of the information, a citation may be issued. Please be aware that any court proceedings will require your testimony and that of any other witnesses. In addition, you must be able to identify your neighbor in the court of law.

We have attached a sample barking dog log and two optional courtesy letters for your use. Please be aware that noise complaints may be subjective, and habitual barking complaints are more substantial if supported by more than one neighbor.

When preparing a complaint of barking, here are some options to consider:

1. The date and time the barking started and when the barking stopped.
2. The specific address of the dog and your address. Please remember that the barking must be audible from within your home, and barking must be continuously audible for at least fifteen minutes.
3. The full name of the owner of the dog.
4. Any audio/visual recordings coinciding with the barking dog log.
5. Evidence, if available, based on personal observation, that the dog was not provoked into barking.

The following options may help in rectifying the issue:

1. Two courtesy letters documenting habitual barking sent by certified mail, to the offending dog owner, with a copy retained for proof.
2. Visit the Wichita Falls Municipal court and file a complaint regarding noise ordinance violations and bring your evidence and barking dog log.

**Please Remember:**

Enforcement of the laws against barking dogs is possible only with the cooperation and assistance of the residents of the City of Wichita Falls.

Animal Services Center and the City of Wichita Falls Police Department cannot solve barking dog problems without your cooperation. Please take the time to thoroughly document each offense and obtain proper evidence to enforce the law. If you would like additional information or have additional questions, please contact the Animal Services Division at 940-761-7824 or visit with an Animal Care Officer at 1207 Hatton Road, Wichita Falls, TX 76302.

Sec. 14-11. - Noise. No person shall harbor any noisy animal, fowl, livestock, or wildlife of any kind that makes an unreasonable disturbance to the peace of the occupants of an adjacent premises or the vicinity thereof, including the making of unusual noises by howling, barking, or bawling.

**How to File paperwork:**

1. Once you have gathered all your evidence (video, recording, barking log) bring it to the municipal courthouse at 611 Bluff St. Wichita Falls, TX 76301.
2. Fill out a complaint form and turn it in with your evidence.

**Next Steps after filing paperwork:**



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- A. The City attorney will review your evidence and complaint.
- B. After review the city attorney will make a determination regarding the next steps and/or actions being taken. You will receive a letter from the attorney with this information.