



Stillwater Police Department

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Barking Dog/Nuisance

What you can do as the Complainant

1. Attempt to talk to your neighbor who owns the dog
 - Your neighbor may not be aware that their dog is barking excessively or that there is an issue. Attempt to resolve it by speaking with them first.
2. Contact Stillwater Animal Welfare at 405-372-0334.
 - An Animal Welfare Officer will speak with you about what is going on and what actions you have already taken. An AWO will then reach out to the neighbor about the barking and speak with them about the issue. An AWO will let your neighbor know that a citation can be issued against them if the complainant thinks it is necessary.
3. Sign a citation against your neighbor
 - If the barking continues and we are unable to resolve the issue through communication, you can sign a citation against your neighbor as the complainant. With signing a citation, you must:
 - o Be willing to testify against your neighbor in court.
 - o Obtain evidence of excessive barking- video must show that the barking can be heard from your home and that the dog has not been provoked to bark.
 - o Video must be clear on what dog is barking and from what property it resides on.

Things to know:

- Videos do not have to be a certain length of time, but it will need to prove that the dog is barking excessively.
- The dog cannot be provoked or encouraged to bark while taking a video. Example would be complainant walking up to fence or door, talking to the dog, etc.
- If you are required to attend court, you will receive a subpoena from the City of Stillwater. Keep your evidence since court can be rescheduled or set for a later date.

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