



Bulletin from Mayor Elaine Scruggs

Citizens often contact my office about their neighbors' barking dogs. Some people ask how to file a complaint while others inquire about whether or not we have an ordinance related to barking dogs. In an effort to always keep Glendale citizens informed, I want to explain some changes that have been made to the requirements for submitting a barking dog complaint.

The Glendale city code states, "No person shall keep a dog within the city limits, which is in the habit of barking or howling or disturbing the peace and quiet of any neighborhood within the city." In order for the City Prosecutor to initiate legal action against the violator, the barking dog must be deemed a nuisance. A nuisance is defined as actions that are disturbing the peace and quiet of the neighborhood.

The process begins when a complaint is filed and a petition is started. [Click here](#) to view the form that is used to generate the complaint. Once a complaint is filed a notice will be sent to the dog owner making them aware that a barking dog complaint was received and a barking dog petition will be mailed to the person making the complaint.

Changes have been made to the petition process. The new process requires a person to document five days out of seven where a dog is barking for at least five minutes in duration. In the past, the barking had to be logged for 14 days. A petition needs to be signed by four members of different households although there are extenuating circumstances where the four-person requirement can be waived. In these cases, the person making the complaint needs to submit the written log and include a video or audio tape that documents the dog barking.

Once the petition is complete all information should be sent to the Code Compliance Department and it will then be forwarded to the City Prosecutor's office for their review. They will determine if all of the evidence will result in a successful prosecution. All interested parties will then be notified. For more information or if you have any questions about barking dogs [Click here](#) or call 623-930-3610.

Thank you for taking the time to read my "Glendale Bulletins". Please contact me at (623) 930-2260 or mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com, if you have any comments or questions. I strive to provide the most timely information and best possible service to you, the citizens of Glendale. I sincerely appreciate your feedback.

