

## Barking Dogs



Barking Complaints are one of the more frequent complaints we receive. While a barking dog can be a deterrent to would-be intruders; it can be frustrating to live near an unhappy noisy dog. We always recommend making an effort to courteously advise your neighbor of your concerns as they may be unaware of their pet's behavior.

### **West Linn Municipal Code Ordinance 5.260 (5) - Barking dogs**

It shall be a violation for a keeper of any dog to permit unreasonable annoyance, alarm or noise disturbance at any time of the day or night by repeated barking, whining, howling or other like sounds which may be heard beyond the boundary of the keeper's property.

#### **Definition of violation:**

Animals: Owning, possession or harboring a dog or other animal that barks, bays, cries, howls or makes any other loud or noticeably annoying noise continuously for a period of 15 minutes in any hour except for animals provoked by a person trespassing, threatening to trespass or unambiguously taunting the animal.

### **West Linn Municipal Code Ordinance 5.487 - Sound Levels and Noise.**

#### **B. PROHIBITED NOISE MAKING ACTS**

2. Notwithstanding Section 5.260 of this Code, the owning, possessing or keeping of any animal that by frequent or continuing noise for a period of 15 minutes in any hour disturbs the comfort and repose of any person in the vicinity, except for animals provoked by a person trespassing, threatening to trespass, or unambiguously taunting the animal.

#### **Penalties and Fines:**

You may be cited to appear in court and fined up to \$500.00 per violation. Chronic violations may encourage the judge to order your dog to be removed from the City of West Linn.

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