



Noisy Animals

Public Works Department

Utility Services/Land Use/Energy Development Committee
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BACKGROUND

The RMC declares that excessive, unrelenting, or habitual noise of any animal is not only disruptive of the public's peace and tranquility, but also represents an unwarranted invasion of privacy to the residents of the City.



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CURRENT PROCESS

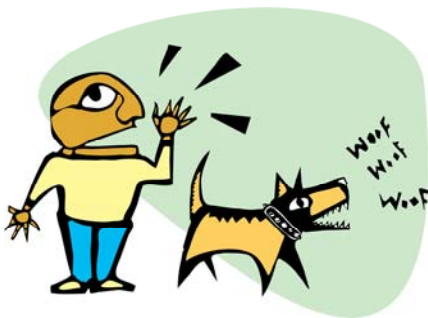
1. When a resident submits a written complaint, Animal Services issues a warning notice to the responsible party (no anonymity provided for the complaining party)
2. A second complaint within 12 months requires the complaining party to submit a signed request for a hearing.
3. If the Hearing Officer deems the animal a nuisance, specific conditions, fines and/or penalties may be imposed on the responsible party.



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PROPOSED PROCESS



Adds a level of anonymity for the resident by allowing an animal control officer to step in as a witness if they personally observe the violation.



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PROPOSED PROCESS (CONT'D)



Provides a clear definition of what behavior constitutes a noisy animal:

"...sounds occurring continuously and/or incessantly for a period of ten minutes or intermittently for one-half hour or more on five or more separate days within a thirty (30) day period..."



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RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee review the current policy on noisy animals and recommend proposed amendments to Section 8 of the RMC to the City Council.



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