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RE: Excessive Dog Noise

Dear Property Owner / Resident:

We received a complaint that your dog(s) bark excessively and/or uncontrollably, disturbing residents in the area. It is the dog guardian's responsibility to ensure that any animal under their care does not unreasonably disturb other persons (Beverly Hills Municipal Code Section 5-1-210):

No person shall keep or maintain, or permit the keeping of, upon any premises owned, occupied, or controlled by such person, any dog or other animal or fowl otherwise permitted to be kept which, by any loud or continuous cry, bark, howl, or other sound, unreasonably disturbs other persons. (1962 Code § 5-1.107).

To reduce such barking, please monitor the barking and take the appropriate steps to control it. You may consider consulting your veterinarian or dog trainer to ensure that the animal under your care and control is properly evaluated and trained; we have included relevant information on the back of this letter. In addition, all dogs are required to be licensed; please ensure your dog(s) is licensed.

Community Preservation is committed to working with pet guardians to preserve the quality of life in the community. **Officer First and Last Name has been assigned to your case (No. CEXXXXXXX) and may be reached directly at 310-285-11XX.** Please contact the Officer to discuss alternatives to reduce excessive dog barking and to avoid future violations which could result in the issuance of a citation.

Sincerely,

(Please see the notice on reverse side of this letter.)

Canine Guardianship Responsibilities ~ Dog Barking

The City of Beverly Hills takes animal-related complaints seriously and expects dog guardians to take them seriously also. Dog guardians are responsible for ensuring that the peace and tranquility of the neighborhood are not jeopardized due to negligent pet caretaking.

Canine Communication

Important information related to dog barking may be found at
The Humane Society of America website at the link below:

http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/dogs/tips/how_to_stop_barking.html

Barking is an important and innate form of canine communication however some barking can be pathological and destructive. Dog barking occurs naturally under certain circumstances, some of which are: to alert or warn, when playing or excited, to

communicate with attention (especially loneliness, anxiety, or or sudden sound or barking behavior excessive when the periods of time or the threat or fright has been considered abnormal in anxiety, as a result of an obsessive-compulsive disorder in which a dog barks excessively or inappropriately (at a falling leaf, for example), or in cases of dogs that become unnecessarily excited when people or other animals approach.



other dogs, attempting to get puppies), boredom, when startled by an unfamiliar movement. This normal dog becomes pathologically barking continues for long barking continues long after a experienced. Barking is situations of separation

Animal-Related Regulations

Excessive dog noise is prohibited by [Code Section 5-1-211](#); it is the responsibility of the dog guardian to ensure that their dogs do not disturb the neighborhood. The City also prohibits the keeping of any dangerous animal ([Code Section 5-2-302, Subsection 53.33](#)) and holds dog guardians liable for any damage or harm caused by their pet ([Code Section 5-2-111](#)). In addition, residents are limited to a maximum of three dogs ([Code Section 5-2-106](#)); dogs must be kept on a maximum six-foot long leash at all times when being walked ([Code Section 5-2-202](#)); and, dog guardians are prohibited from not picking up after their pet defecates ([Code Section 5-2-105](#)).