



Animal Noise Regulations & Enforcement

The City of Saratoga has established regulations to maintain and preserve Saratoga’s quiet residential atmosphere. The noise regulations established in Saratoga City Code Section 7-30 include, but are not limited to, animal noise, such as barking dogs.

Saratoga City Code Section 7-30.060(f) states:

It shall be unlawful for any person to harbor, keep or maintain any animal, including birds, in the City which howls, barks, meows, squawks, or makes other noises which creates a noise disturbance across a property boundary during the following times:

- (1) Between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M.;
- (2) Between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M. where the noise disturbance occurs continuously for a period of five minutes or intermittently for at least thirty minutes.

Residents may register animal noise complaints with the City using the Animal Noise Complaint Form.

For City staff to consider enforcement actions, an animal noise violation must be: 1) heard by a City Official, such as a Sheriff’s Deputy or Animal Control Officer; OR 2) documented by at least one party using the City’s Animal Noise Complaint Form. The Enforcement Officer may request that at least two different parties at different addresses provide documentation of the violation using the Animal Noise Complaint Form for alleged code violations prior to taking an enforcement action. If more than one party is filing an Animal Noise Complaint Form, each party must submit their own Animal Noise Complaint Form. If enforcement action is taken, complainants may be required to testify about their direct hearing of animal noise.

Audio and video recordings may also be submitted as supplemental evidence, but are not required. Submitted audio and video recordings should correspond to and be documented on the Log of Animal Noise Incidents under “Additional Comments” on the Complaint Form.

City of Saratoga | Community Development Department

13777 Fruitvale Avenue | Saratoga, CA 95070

408.868.1214 | enforcement@saratoga.ca.us

ANIMAL NOISE COMPLAINT FORM

Complainant's Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Animal Owner Information *(Provide as much information as possible)*

Owner Name: _____

Owner Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Animal Type: _____

Animal Name: _____

Animal Description: _____

Describe Efforts to Remediate Noise *(for example, notifying owner of disturbance, contacting Homeowners Association)*

Complainant's Affidavit

I, the undersigned, declare that to best of my knowledge and belief, the information herein and any audio or video recordings provided as supplemental evidence is true, correct, and complete.

Signature

Date

Submit Completed Animal Noise Form & Log To:

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Log of Animal Noise Incidents (*Attach additional sheets as needed*)

Date: _____ Time Noise Started: _____

Time Noise Ended: _____

Your Location When Noise Occurred: _____

Additional Comments: _____

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Time Noise Ended: _____

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