

Horizon Pointe Lacey Barking Policy

Effective February 1, 2022

While a certain amount of noise is to be expected from all dogs, nuisance barking will not be allowed. Nuisance barking shall be defined as A) Barking for more than 10 (ten) minutes at a time during quiet hours, OR B) barking during non-quiet hours for more than 10 (ten) minutes of every hour for more than four (4) hours of every day for more than three (3) days of any week. Residents are encouraged FIRST to attempt to work out the situation with their neighbors directly.

A resident wishing to make a nuisance barking complaint must:

1. Keep a log of the barking, recording dates, times, duration, and if there was a recognizable trigger setting the dog off (other dogs barking first, people or dogs walking by, a vehicle driving by, etc.) This log may be downloaded from the Joint Animal Services website at jointanimalservices.org. Photos or video of the dogs in question are helpful to eliminate question as to identity of the culprit.
2. Put in a complaint to Joint Animal Services. Date, time, and the name of the person with whom the complaint was filed must be provided, as well as information on any follow-up by JAS.

Once two residents have filed complaints with Joint Animal Services for the same lot in the community, if the Board or management agency to whom has been delegated enforcement authority deems the complaints to have merit, a warning letter will be sent, giving the dog owner 10 (ten) days to improve the situation or to appeal the warning. If the complainant provides additional proof that there has been no improvement, a fine of \$50 will be charged to the dog owner, and a letter will be sent giving them twenty-one (21) days to resolve the barking. If there is no improvement, the next fine will be \$100, and fourteen (14) days will be given to improve. The next fine will be \$150 and seven (7) days given to improve. Fines shall continue to escalate by \$50 per violation and seven (7) days shall be given to improve until the nuisance barking has been brought under control.

Our CCRs item 10.1c states that “**Animals.** No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on-any Lot except dogs, cats, or other household pets; provided that they are not kept, bred or maintained for commercial purposes; provided further that no more than two (2) dogs and cats shall be allowed per Lot...” Due to the practical difficulty of enforcing this provision, this shall be considered a secondary offense. If a complaint is made under the nuisance barking provisions above, and a determination is proved by dated, time-stamped video or photographic evidence of the presence of more than two (2) dogs, an amount of \$50 per dog over the allowed limit shall be added to each fine.