

Animal Noise Abatement Regulation and Procedure

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A. Introduction

Riviera West Country Club welcomes community members to keep a reasonable number of household pets so long as the same do not create a nuisance, make objectionable noise or constitute an inconvenience to owners of other lots nearby (Riviera-West CC&Rs Section V; Rules and Regulations Sections 6.2, 6.6).

B. Definitions:

Pets, notably dogs, create a nuisance or an inconvenience to owners of other lots nearby when they display one or more of the following:

1. Persistent pattern of barking wherein the dog frequently barks for periods of 10 minutes alone or in combination with other dogs on the property.
2. Frequently barking at night (i.e. more than once per week).
3. Aggressive behavior that includes attempted attacks toward neighbors or passersby not on owner's property.

C. Complaint Procedure:

1. Property owners that believe their neighbor's pet is creating a nuisance shall first contact their neighbor in a friendly manner to seek resolution of the issue.
2. If a resolution is not forthcoming, property owners shall contact the Riviera-West Office and submit a complaint form. The Riviera-West Office will contact the pet owner to inform them of the problem and RW Rules and Regulations.
3. If two or more property owners share the complaint, the Board of Directors shall send the pet owner a formal letter with a demand to resolve the issue.
4. If the issue is not resolved within two weeks of forwarding the formal letter, the RW Office will provide the complaining property owners with a Lake County BARKING COMPLAINT form and information. Filing this complaint requires three neighbors to sign the complaint. The office will assist the filing property owners with any information and documents which will support their complaint. Upon receipt of a copy of the completed and filed County complaint form, the Riviera-West County Club may assess a fine on the property owner of the barking dog.

D. Fines

1. Fines for barking dogs or other animals creating a nuisance may be assessed by the Board of Directors as follows (Riviera-West Rules and Regulations Sections 11.1, 11.2):
 - 1.i. First complaint filed with Lake County as above \$250.00
 - 1.ii. Each following month complaint is not resolved \$250.00
 - 1.iii. Any legal fees incurred by Riviera-West to enforce implementation of the Rules and Regulations
2. Fines will be assessed to the property owner in the case of an unresponsive renter.