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Barking Dogs

Information For the Dog Owner

It is unlawful for any person to keep a dog within the city limits that is in the habit of barking or howling or disturbs the peace and quiet of another person. GARDEN City ordinance 90.19 prohibits loud barking, loud noise and running at large. A conviction under 90.19 is a misdemeanor. If you have been informed your dog is disturbing another person's peace, you need to take action. To assist citizens in resolving barking dog issues, we recommend the following suggestions:

Suggestions for Curbing Barking Dogs

- Buy a kennel that is the appropriate size or larger for the dog. At minimum, the dog should be able to stand-up and turn around in the kennel. Keep the dog and the kennel inside your house when you are gone. Most dogs adjust very well to the use of a kennel. Puppies should only be kenneled for a maximum of 1 hour at a time for every month in age.

- No dog should be kenneled for more than 8 hours at a time. For every hour that the dog is kenneled, the dog should be allowed out of the kennel to exercise and join the family activities (e.g. a dog kenneled for 8 hours needs to be out of the kennel for a minimum of 8 hours before going back in).
- Train the dog yourself using books or videos from the library, or enroll in special interest classes .

SERVICE-PRIDE-INTEGRITY



GARDEN CITY POLICE
COMMUNITY SERVICES

**CITY DEPARTMENT
PHONE NUMBERS**

EMERGENCY- 911
POLICE 793-1700
DETECTIVE BUREAU 793-1710
CITY HALL 793-1600
21ST DIST. COURT 793-1680
BUILDING DEPT. 793-1650
CITY CLERK 793-1620
LIBRARY 793-1830
MAPLEWOOD CTR. 793-1850
PARKS & REC. 793-1880

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Consult with your veterinarian or consider professional dog obedience training. Make sure that the trainer uses positive reinforcement methods.

Buy a barking dog collar or muzzle. There are different varieties that work in different ways. Check with your veterinarian about which one would best suit your dog. You can find these at pet stores.

Think about the time of day that the barking is a problem. Remember, not everyone follows the same work schedule, or they may work from their home.

Ask yourself why the dog is barking. Is the dog lonely, frustrated, bored, etc.? Regular daily exercise with a human is essential to keeping the dog from frustration and boredom. Providing toys and playing music or other soothing sounds may help.

Take the dog for a walk instead of always leaving it in the yard alone. This will help the dog become more familiar with its surroundings.

Don't make a big event out of leaving or returning home. Overly excited dogs are more likely to bark.

Keep in mind that dogs with access to a doggie door have access to the outside to bark.

Confine the dog to a smaller area of the yard away from the neighbors.

Contact your veterinarian or an animal trainer for other ideas or call the Michigan Humane Society for other useful information and help.

Search the internet using the key words "barking dog" this search will yield numerous sources of information and help with barking dogs.

WATCH BLOCK NEWS—MEETINGS WILL CONTINUE

I have expressed to you in the past my concern regarding the number of members attending the Neighborhood Watch Block Meetings and that the

decrease in turn out may cause the meetings to be cancelled. I have been informed to continue with the meetings at this time. Meetings

will resume Tuesday May 6, 2009 7p at the Maplewood Center.

Thank you,
Det.Sgt.Brian Aure'

City Crime Statistics

January Crime Statistics

Breaking & Entering 9	Stolen Vehicles 8	Robbery 2	Runaway 4
Larceny 24	Assaults 20	Disorderly 1	Drugs 1
Sexual Assault 3	Murder 0	Fraud 6	Property Damage 13

The numbers listed are statistics for the entire city during the month listed