

The following two regulations apply to noise complaints. Please note the underlined sections for the requirements of the ordinance. In addition, note the exceptions to noise complaints caused by dogs. Written complaints can be mailed to me at 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 11th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612 or email: gminor@oaklandca.gov

8.18.010 Excessive and annoying noises prohibited.

A. It is unlawful for any person to create or allow to be created any excessive or annoying noise as defined herein. Any violation of the regulations specified herein shall be punishable as an infraction.

B. Definitions.

“Annoying noise” means noise with a repetitive pattern, shrill frequencies, and/or static-like sounds, including loud music and noise attributable to, but not limited to, leaf blowers, alarms, engines, barking dogs, and other animals.

“Excessive noise” means any unnecessary noise which persists for ten minutes or more; such period of noise need not be witnessed by enforcement personnel if *the occupants of two or more separate housing or commercial units certify that they have experienced such period of noise and describe with particularity the source.*

4. Animals and Birds. Owning, possessing, or harboring any animal or bird which howls, barks, meows, squawks, or makes other *annoying noises continuously and/or incessantly for an unreasonable period of time so as to create a noise disturbance across a real property line.* For the purposes of this chapter, *the animal or bird noise shall not be deemed a noise disturbance if a person is trespassing or threatening to trespass upon private property in or upon which the animal or bird is situated, or is using any other means to tease or provoke the animal or bird.* This provision shall not apply to public zoos;

8.18.020 Persistent noises a nuisance.

The persistent maintenance or emission of any noise or sound produced by human, animal or mechanical means, between the hours of nine p.m. and seven a.m. next ensuing, which, by reason of its raucous or nerve-racking nature, shall disturb the peace or comfort, or be injurious to the health of any person shall constitute a nuisance.

Failure to comply with the following provisions shall constitute a nuisance.

NOTE: Any information submitted to our office will be public record