

Animal or Bird Noise. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or other entity operating, having charge of, or occupying any building or premises to keep or allow to be kept any animal or bird which shall habitually by any noise disturb the peace and quiet of any person in the vicinity thereof.

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AI Overview

Dog barking in Wisconsin is considered a nuisance if it habitually disturbs the peace, with local ordinances often defining this as excessive noise, such as barking for 10-30 minutes continuously. Residents can report violations to local police non-emergency lines or animal control, often requiring a documented, written log of times and dates for formal action.

Actionable Steps for Handling Dog Noise in Wisconsin:

- **Document Everything:** Keep a detailed diary of barking times, durations, and frequency. This log is crucial for building a case.
- **Check Local Ordinances:** Noise ordinances vary by municipality. For instance, [Milwaukee](#) suggests emailing barking@milwaukee.gov, while [Fitchburg](#) allows reporting to the police at (608) 270-4300.
- **Report to Authorities:** Call the police non-emergency line (e.g., in [Madison](#), 608-266-4275) to report the noise nuisance.
- **Mediation:** In some cases, neighborhood mediation or a friendly conversation with the pet owner is recommended before involving authorities, as police often need to witness the noise firsthand to issue a citation.



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Typical Wisconsin Noise Regulations:

- **Definition:** The law generally prohibits pets from creating noises that "habitually" or "materially disturb" the quiet of a neighborhood.

- **Limits:** Municipalities often deem it a nuisance if a dog barks for 10 minutes continuously or 30 minutes intermittently.
- **Consequences:** Violations can lead to warnings and fines. In [Milwaukee](#), a citation can cost \$172.

Disclaimer: Regulations are municipal. Always check your specific town, city, or county ordinance.

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47.19 KEEPING OF BARKING DOGS

PROHIBITED. (1) No person, firm or corporation owning, renting, leasing, operating, having charge of, or occupying any building or premises shall keep or allow to be kept any animal which shall disturb the peace and quiet of people living in the vicinity thereof.

(2) Sub. (1) does not apply to farm animals, as defined in sec. 951.01, Wisconsin Statutes, nor does it apply to noises made by dogs that are kept on a farm operation for the purpose of protecting domestic animals so long as such dogs are not kept or allowed within 1,500 feet of a neighboring residence.

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