

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Chapter 7-12 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting a new section 7-12-100, as follows:

7-12-100 Excessive animal noise—Prohibited.

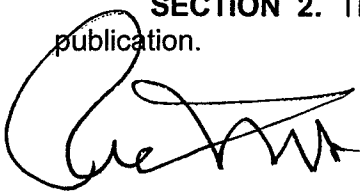
It shall be unlawful for any person who owns, controls, has possession of or is charged with the responsibility for caring for any dog or other animal to allow such animal to make excessive noise in a manner that unnecessarily disturbs the comfort, quiet, peace or repose of any other person in the vicinity, at any time of the day or night. Any person who violates this section shall be fined not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$250.00 for each offense. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

A citation for a violation of this section may be issued based on either: (1) personal observation of a violation by an city officer or employee charged with enforcement of this section; or (2) a complaint alleging a violation of this section, signed and sworn to by residents of three different addresses, and specifying the date and time of the violation.

For purposes of this section, the term “excessive noise” means any continued, repeated or habitual barking, whining, crying, howling, whimpering, crowing, or loud noise common to an animal’s species that exceeds ten consecutive minutes in duration or occurs intermittently for a significant portion of the day or night, that is louder than average conversational level at a distance of 100 feet or more.

For the purposes of this section, the term “any other person” means a reasonable person with ordinary sensibilities.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take full force and effect upon its passage and publication.



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Alderman, 33rd Ward



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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND FIRE
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PASSED by the City Council of the City of Chicago and deposited in the office of the City Clerk of said City.
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