

June 15, 2013

The Pierce Bluffs Board of Directors Master Association have voted via email today to modify the fine schedule for dog barking in our community under the "noise" covenant. Members who voted and their votes are:

1. Robert Devine – President- yes to the new fine schedule.
2. Roger Anthony- Vice President- Yes to the new fine schedule
3. Matt Liburdi – Treasurer- Yes to the new fine schedule
4. Ed Newmeyer - Secretary- Yes to the new fine schedule

The new rule is unanimously passed and will take effect July 1, 2013.

The rule change and instructions are listed below.

Effective July 1, 2013 the Pierce Bluff Master Association has revised the fine schedule for barking dogs violations as follows:

1. First violation fine is \$20.00.
2. Second violation fine is \$100.00
3. Third violation \$500.00
4. Any additional violation will be \$500.00 per violation.

What constitutes a barking dog violation?

If there is more than 5 minutes of barking coming from a property in one hour a violation will occur. The barking can be continuous and or intermittent and can be attributed to one or more animals from that property. The resident may be fined up to 24 separate times a day if the barking continues throughout the day or night. If you have more than one animal causing the barking you may also be fined more than once per hour.

How will the reports/complaints of excessive barking be reported to the Master Association?

Each resident will receive a form with instructions on how to document the offensive barking and then submit the form to the Association. This will then generate a fine and the resident will be informed of the offense and will be able to view the report which generated the fine. The complaints and fines are not debatable or refundable.

This amount is not refundable and if not paid within 30 days will result in a lien being taken out against your property by the Association to collect the debt and a 25% late fee will be added to the total each month the fine is not paid.

In addition, residents are encouraged to report the above activity to the City of Hermitage as well the police department while the dogs are actively barking so they may come to the home and speak with the homeowner.

Attached is a complaint form. The only way to enforce this rule is for residents to complete the form and send it in. The board has received numerous word of mouth complaints over the last 2 years

regarding this issue but we need to have it documented to trigger a fine. If you have any questions how this form is to be filled out or documented please contact a member of the board. If additional space is needed to show documentation of the barking times feel free to add a separate sheet.

Mail the complaint form to:

**Terri Mahanovich
448 B Street
Sharon, Pa. 16146**

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Barking Dog, Noise, Nuisance Complaint form

Complainant information

Complainants Last Name

First Name

Mailing address

City

State

Zip

Telephone numbers

Home

Other

Barking dog, noise, nuisance information

Owners last name

First Name

Address of barking dogs, noise, nuisance

1 st Date

Duration/Time (A.M./P.M.)

Circle One

Incessant/Intermittent

2 nd Date

Duration/Time (A.M./P.M.)

Circle One

Incessant/Intermittent

Description nature of offense:

Other responsible party's name(s)

Responsible party's relationship to owner

Have you attempted to contact the animal owner or any other Responsible Party?

Circle one: YES No

If yes, name of party contacted and date.

What happened?

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Please return mail form to: Terri Mahanovich 448 B Street Sharon, Pa. 16146