

### 8.05.080 Objectionable animals.

A. The keeper of any animal shall not allow the animal to disturb a neighborhood or any number of persons by frequent or prolonged barking, howling or other noises on a repeated basis. If an animal barks, whines, howls or makes similar sounds for more than 30 minutes on at least three different days within a 10-day period or for more than 15 minutes during at least three different nights between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. within a 10-day period, this is a violation of this chapter. The fine for violating this law is \$25.00.

B. The keeper of any animal shall not permit the animal to defecate on private property, other than that of the animal's keeper, or on public property, without afterward cleaning up the feces as provided in SGC [8.05.092](#). The keeper shall not permit the animal to dig upon or damage private property, other than that of the animal's keeper, or upon public property.

C. The keeper of any dog shall not allow it to frequently or habitually snap at, jump upon, chase vehicles or otherwise menace persons within the city and borough. This provision does not apply to persons who are trespassing or if the animal is acting in the lawful defense of its keeper.

D. The keeper of any dog shall not permit it to chase, harass, or otherwise disturb or injure any wild animal unless on the keeper's property.

E. Animals, other than dogs, may be considered "objectionable" by a property owner by being on the property owner's property. The property owner may file a complaint and/or may use live traps to capture the animal and have it impounded.

F. The keeper of any animal shall ensure that the animal does not bite or inflict physical injury on a human being or another animal without provocation, either on public or private property. (Ord. 15-16 § 4, 2015; Ord. 02-1699 § 4(A), 2002; Ord. 02-1656 § 4(A), 2002; Ord. 98-1481 § 4, 1998; Ord. 95-1302 § 4(E), 1995; Ord. 89-875 § 4(B), 1989; Ord. 84-590 § 4(B), 1984; Ord. 79-405 §§ 4(7) and (8), 1979; B.C.S. § 9.04.080; S.G.C. § 8.04.080.)

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