

Date: April 7, 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Tiffany Cribbs, Director of Community Services

RE: Rule Revision Approval GR.2.14e No Unreasonable Disturbance (Dog Barking)

Background

Rule GR 2.14e prohibits habitual dog barking that unreasonably disturbs the peace and quiet of the neighborhood. The current rule also includes a detailed investigation process outlining how Community Patrol must respond to complaints.

The Rules & Regulations Review Committee determined that including procedural investigation language within the rule can create enforcement challenges, particularly when alternative evidence is provided by residents. The recommended revision removes the second sentence and subsequent bullet points outlining the investigation process, while retaining the core prohibition on unreasonable disturbance.

This item was approved for a 28-day reading at the March Regular Session Board Meeting.

Fiscal Impact

No direct fiscal impact. While the removal of procedural language could result in reduced fine revenue, the revision is expected to support more consistent enforcement and reduce appeals.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the revising rule GR 2.14e by removing the procedural investigation language and retaining the core prohibition on habitual dog barking that unreasonably disturbs the peace.



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Current Rule:

GR.2.14e No Unreasonable Disturbance - No dog shall be allowed to habitually bark, whine, howl or engage in similar conduct that unreasonably disturbs the peace and quiet of the neighborhood. A Community Patrol Officer may investigate the barking, whining, or noise based upon the following criteria:

- Patrol driver parks two (2) to three (3) houses from address of complaint.
- Listens and observes to determine where the barking is coming from.
- After listening and observing, an attempt is made to contact the resident. A warning citation
- will be issued.
- If second call / complaint is received, same procedure is applied as described in the previous
- paragraphs and the resident is cited.

Proposed Revisions:

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Proposed Revised Rule:

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