



# City of Austin Municipal Court



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## REQUIREMENTS WHEN FILING COMPLAINT

1. The complainant (person making the complaint) must, in good faith, make full, fair, and honest disclosure of all facts and circumstances known to him/her at the time the complaint is made. The facts, as presented, must be in the form of an affidavit and signed under oath. This affidavit will form the basis of any further investigation and of the charging instrument.
2. The complainant must appear in court to testify against the defendant if the charges are contested by the accused and a trial is held.
3. If the defendant is found guilty, the maximum sentence that may be assessed in Municipal Court is a fine up to \$500.00 plus court costs and fees. There can be no jail time. The defendant may appeal the case to a higher court.
4. The defendant may file a counter-complaint if the complainant has also been involved in some illegal activity. Please be advised that any statement made at this time or in the future to a prosecutor or other investigator may be used against you should there be a counter. Please be advised that when speaking to the prosecutor, that the prosecutor represents the state and no attorney-client relationship is established by any communications.
5. Once a case is filed, only a Municipal Court Judge, upon recommendation of a prosecutor, has the authority to dismiss the case.
6. The prosecutor reserves the right to subpoena the citizen-complainant and to enforce the subpoena by ordering a peace officer to bring the citizen-complainant to court.
7. Make a copy of the notarized affidavit for yourself. Contact Municipal Court 21-30 days after mailing or delivering the original signed forms in order to obtain a case number for future reference.
8. **An asterisk “\*” denotes a required field. If the required fields are not completed in full and with all necessary information, the Austin Prosecutor’s Office will most likely not accept your complaint nor proceed with any criminal charges.**

I have read and agree to the above requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Complainant’s Signature  
(Person Making the Complaint)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Date

**AFFIDAVIT BY CITIZEN  
ANIMAL VIOLATIONS**

**Information About You:**

\*Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

**The Undersigned Affiant Swears To The Following Statement:**

**Defendant Information:**

\*Name of Defendant (Person Accused): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*How did you determine the defendant's name? \_\_\_\_\_

\*Can you identify the defendant (Yes or No)? \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, it will not be possible to process your complaint)

Description of defendant: Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth or Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**Animal Information:**

\*How many animal(s) does the defendant own/have?: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Where does the defendant keep the animal(s) when outside?: \_\_\_\_\_

\*How long has the animal(s) been at the defendant's residence?: \_\_\_\_\_

\*How long, generally, has the noise of the defendant's animal(s) been disturbing you?: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Have you asked the defendant to remedy the situation (Yes or No)?: \_\_\_\_\_

\*What was the defendant's response?: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Have you attended any mediation in regard to this matter (Yes or No)?: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If yes, what was the result?: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If no, would you like to try mediation?: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Animal Description (If more than one, include information on back:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Male or Female: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Features: \_\_\_\_\_

**Facts About the Case**

**Offense Information**

\*Date of Offense: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Offense: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Location (block number/street name) of Offense (must be in Austin city limits):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Type of premises: (public roadway or private property). \_\_\_\_\_

Has the offense occurred previously and if so, when?: \_\_\_\_\_

Were charges filed (Yes or No)?: \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what happened with the case?: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**\*What is your complaint? Describe with as much detail as possible (use back of page if more room is needed):**

Use as many pages as necessary to relate fully, fairly, and honestly all material facts and circumstances.

**\*Please draw a diagram or map indicating the relative position of your residence and the defendant's residence. Please indicate any buildings or lots between residences and show where the animal is usually kept:**

**Witness Information (if any)**

Name of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*I Swear That the Statements Made Here Are within My Personal Knowledge and Are True and Correct.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Complainant's Signature  
(Person Making the Complaint)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Date

\*Sworn To Me On This The \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Deputy Court Clerk or  
Notary Public for the State of \_\_\_\_\_ My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do Not Write on this Page but Submit with Your Request**

Reviewed by (if required): \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendations: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Violation code and DOV (if complaint approved):  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Judicial Review**

**(If case is filed and defendant fails to respond to charge)**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

I have examined the foregoing affidavit and have determined that probable cause exists for the issuance of an arrest warrant for the individual accused therein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge  
Municipal Court  
Austin, Texas