



City of Austin Municipal Court

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REQUIREMENTS WHEN FILING A 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.**
9. Class C misdemeanors violations in Texas can only be prosecuted within a **two-year statute of limitations**. Affidavits cannot be prosecuted if submitted to the court more than two years from the date of violation. Affidavits also cannot be prosecuted if submitted prior to the expiration of the statute of limitations, but with insufficient time for the court or prosecutor’s office to process and investigate the complaint.
***Please alert the court clerk if you are concerned about the two-year statute of limitations in relation to your complaint application.**

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: _____

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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: _____

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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