

# NEIGHBOR NOISE COMPLAINT LETTER

[YOUR FULL NAME] [YOUR ADDRESS AFFECTED PREMISES]

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

[RECIPIENT S NAME PERSON LANDLORD MANAGER] [RECIPIENT S ADDRESS]

**Re: Formal Noise Complaint and Demand to Abate Nuisance**

Dear [RECIPIENT S NAME PERSON LANDLORD MANAGER]:

I am writing to formally put you on notice of an ongoing noise disturbance emanating from your premises that is unreasonably interfering with my use and enjoyment of my home at [YOUR ADDRESS AFFECTED PREMISES]. This letter constitutes a **formal demand that you abate the noise** within the timeframe set forth below.

## 1. The Noise Disturbance

Since \*\*\*, and as recently as \*\*\*, you have engaged in the following conduct, which I categorize as **Loud Music**:

| [DESCRIBE THE NOISE IN DETAIL DATES]

The noise typically occurs during the following hours: [TYPICAL HOURS THE NOISE OCCURS E]. The disturbance is recurrent, unreasonable in volume and duration, and well outside the bounds of ordinary residential living.

## 4. Legal Basis

Your conduct constitutes a **private nuisance** under the common law of the State of [STATE]. A private nuisance is a substantial and unreasonable interference with another's use and enjoyment of land. Liability attaches where the interference is (a) intentional and unreasonable, or (b) the result of negligent, reckless, or abnormally dangerous conduct. Remedies include (i) **injunctive relief** to abate the nuisance, (ii) **compensatory damages** for loss of use and enjoyment, annoyance, and discomfort, and (iii) in cases of willful or malicious conduct, **punitive damages**.

Your conduct also violates the noise ordinance of the City of [CITY OR MUNICIPALITY GOVERNS LOCAL NOISE], which prohibits the making of loud, unreasonable, or disturbing noise that annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of others. Violations typically carry civil fines and, for repeat offenders, criminal misdemeanor penalties.

## 5. Demand to Abate

You are hereby **DEMANDED**, within **10 (ten) days** of receipt of this letter, to take the following actions:

[SPECIFIC ACTIONS DEMANDED E G STOP]

At a minimum, you shall immediately: (a) cease the noise-generating conduct during quiet hours established by the [CITY OR MUNICIPALITY GOVERNS LOCAL NOISE] noise ordinance; (b) reduce volume and duration during all other hours to levels that do not cross the property line at a disturbing level; and (c) confirm to me in writing the steps you have taken to abate the disturbance.

## 6. Preservation of Evidence; Documentation

I have begun, and will continue, to maintain a contemporaneous **noise log** documenting each incident by date, time, duration, and description, together with **audio and video recordings** and, where appropriate, **decibel readings**. I have also contacted, or intend to contact, local law enforcement (non-emergency line) and the [CITY OR MUNICIPALITY GOVERNS LOCAL NOISE] code-enforcement office to document complaints.

You are directed to preserve any recordings, communications, and records under your control relating to the noise-generating activity.

## 7. Consequences of Non-Compliance

If the nuisance is not abated within 10 days, I will, without further notice, pursue any or all of the following remedies:

- File a civil action for **private nuisance**, seeking injunctive relief, compensatory damages, and, where warranted, punitive damages and attorneys' fees;
- File formal complaints with [CITY OR MUNICIPALITY GOVERNS LOCAL NOISE] **Code Enforcement**, the local police department, and — where applicable — animal control, the department of public health, and the department of building and safety;
- Request issuance of **citations and civil fines** under the [CITY OR MUNICIPALITY GOVERNS LOCAL NOISE] noise ordinance; and
- Seek a **civil harassment restraining order** if the conduct continues and causes me substantial emotional distress.

## 8. Reservation of Rights

Nothing in this letter is a waiver or release of any right or claim. All rights and remedies at law and in equity are expressly reserved. This letter is not an offer of settlement or compromise.

I sincerely hope we can resolve this matter neighbor-to-neighbor without resort to formal proceedings.  
Please contact me within 10 days to confirm compliance.

Sincerely,

**[YOUR FULL NAME]**

\_\_\_\_\_ PRINTED NAME

\_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE