

From: Voter-Veteran-Tax Payer Greenwood, SC—Highland Forest Sub-division—Hwy 25 South  
Ref: Many of the current laws are obsolete, unfair and need to be changed. Loud barking dogs.  
cc: Greenwood County—Councilman Mark Allison—Sheriff Tony Davis—Zoning Manager  
SC-Rep Ann Parks—Sen Floyd Nicholson-Some of these people should be able to help solve.

These dogs are an annoying nuisance and they are violating the noise ordinances.

To: Governor Nikki Haley Ph: 1-803-734-2100 -State House Bldg 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
1205 Pendleton St. Columbia, SC 29201- Your help is needed. Thanks for your time.

Date: 3-29-16 3<sup>rd</sup> Letter **Absolutely Confidential** Amendments are needed.

Subject: Information for your review and action if you can help or change. Your Attention is Needed.  
**Neighborhoods—Laws—Loud Barking Dogs-Litter-Noise Ordinances-Loud speakers**  
A lot of new rules, laws or amendments are needed for our neighborhoods. The biggest one observed is dog rules. Dogs and dog owners are very well protected and the rights of others are not protected. In my neighborhood the dogs are barking loud all day and all night long. This noise is truly a nuisance and it violates the noise ordinances. However current rules require a person to go to court and file a claim against the dog owners. This does not make any sense. The officers should be able to issue the dog owners a ticket for these noise violations.

If a person will call law enforcement people when the dogs are barking and the officers can see and hear the dogs, then the situation should be handled by the dog owners and the officers. The caller should not be required to get involved because the dogs do not belong to the caller. If the dogs owners were required to have anti-barking collars or mugs on these loud dogs, this would help keep that annoying noise down. These dogs stink and carry germ carrying insects. The houses in this neighborhood are just too close to each other for dogs to be allowed. Space is very important for peace and privacy. This should be researched and reviewed for the dignity of having a peaceful and quiet neighborhood. This neighborhood smells and sounds like a jungle. Why do we have noise rules and the law enforcement people can not enforce them? I can not afford to go to court because of another person's dogs. I am a tax payer and I deserve the right to a peaceful, quiet and safe neighborhood. Dogs have disease carrying insects and they stink. Since I pay taxes I should not be required to listen to dogs barking loud all day and night. Having all these dogs in any neighborhood is a health hazard. These big dogs are not pets. Then some people will walk these loud and sinking dogs around the neighborhood. The dog owner should be required to keep those dogs in their own yard and stay out of the road. When these dogs are laying waste in other people's yards the owners are not picking it up. This is a double dose of clear unwanted mess and a nuisance of unsafe dog activities.

Please make a rule to stop these cars with extremely loud speakers from riding in neighborhoods. This noise is bump thump bump, it is not music. I believe those drivers are a safety risk. These trucks and cars are creating a sense of suspicious activity and behaviors of the drivers. Also a stronger enforcement of the littering rules should be reviewed. Cigarette butts are everywhere and the roads and neighborhood is full of bottles, paper, food containers and other trash items. Another group of young and older males are riding around and around the neighborhood on those loud and annoying motor cycles and dirt bikes. The neighborhood is not a bike track.

In addition fireworks should not be allowed in neighborhoods. This is just another case of noise violations. Those fire works sound just like real guns. Some children and some adults are playing in the road and this is a serious safety violation waiting for an accident. Then they start getting loud and cursing and throwing the balls and rocks in another person's yard. In summary these are the problems, loud barking dogs that are barking all day and night. People walking those stinking dogs around the neighborhood and allowing them to lay waste in the road and on other people's property. Loud speakers running in those suspicious looking vehicles. People playing and loitering in the road. Loud dirt and motor bikes roaming around. People shooting those loud fireworks that sound just like real gun fire and grenades. Hope you can help.

