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PERMANENT HOME GENERATOR REQUIREMENTS

The following information is intended to assist the homeowner in having a permanent generator installed in a safe and ordinance-compliant manner.

A PERMIT IS REQUIRED

- *The permit may be obtained by either the property owner or the contractor for the property owner.
- *The contractor must have proof of valid NYS Worker's Compensation & NYS Disability Insurance.
- *The permit fee will be \$50.00.

PROPOSED LOCATION ON THE LOT MUST BE PROVIDED

*A copy of the survey of the property is needed so that it can be determined that the proposed location complies with the following:

- The Local Zoning Ordinance
- The NYS Building & Fire Codes
- National Fire Protection Association Standard NFPA 37
- The manufacturers installation instruction.

A COPY OF THE MANUFACTURERS INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE PERMIT APPLICATION.

THE GENERATOR LOCATION IS VERY IMPORTANT TO MINIMIZE FIRE AND EXHAUST GAS HAZARDS:

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| Agricultural Flood Zone: | rear or side yard only. Must be 5 ft. minimum from property line whether in rear or side yard. |
| Agricultural Rural Residential: | rear or side yard only. Must be 10 ft. minimum from property line if in side yard or 5 ft. minimum from property line if in rear yard. |
| Residential Single Family: | rear or side yard only. Must be 10 ft. minimum from property line if in side yard or 5 ft. minimum from property line if in rear yard. |
| Traditional Neighborhood District: | rear or side yard only. Must be 10 ft. minimum from property line if in side yard or 5 ft. minimum from property line if in rear yard. |
| Restricted Business: | must be 10 ft. to side or rear property line. |

Commercial: must be 10 ft. to side or rear property line.

Major Arterial: must be 10 ft. to side or rear property line.

SPECIFICS FOR ALL INSTALLATIONS

- The generator must have at least 3 ft. clearance to a structure or other combustible materials on all sides, including overhead (as measured from the generator enclosure).
- Gas lines and electrical lines must be buried, so as not to pose a tripping hazard.
- The generator must be located so that exhaust gases will not collect adjacent to, enter into or be drawn into an occupied building.
- Attention to wind and air currents at the location, and distances to windows or other building openings must be considered.
- The unit must be installed level and not where water may accumulate.
- If the location is in a regulated flood hazard area, the unit must be located above the base flood elevation.
- The unit must not be located over buried utility services.
- The unit must not block access to other utility equipment such as electric service, telephone equipment, gas meters, etc.
- Smoke detectors – as a minimum, a hardwired, 110 volt smoke detector will be required in the basement. 110 volt or battery-operated smoke detectors will be required on each floor level and in bedrooms.

Inspection Required.

- * Once the unit is installed, the installation must be inspected by the Town Code Enforcement Officer (937-6969, ext. 4) to determine compliance with all applicable requirements. All interior and exterior electrical work must be inspected by either National Electrical Certified Inspections (716-912-3647) or, Commonwealth {716-316-7091}.
- * Final inspections are required by both parties. A Certificate of Compliance must be issued by the Town of Alden prior to any use of the generator.