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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.

*If the homeowner is the contractor they must have a Residential Insurance Waiver filled out

*The permit fee will be $75.00

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 instructions

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A copy of the Manufacturers installation instructions, Generator manufacture and model must be submitted with the permit application.

The generator location is very important to minimize fire and exhaust gas hazards.

Agricultural Flood Zone - Rear or side yard only. Must be 5' minimum from property line whether in rear or side yard.

Agricultural Rural Residential – Rear or side yard only. Must be 10' minimum from property line if in side yard or 5' minimum from property line if in rear yard.

Residential Single Family – Rear or side yard only. Must be 10' minimum from property line if in side yard or 5' minimum from property line if in rear yard.

Traditional Neighborhood District – Rear or side yard only. Must be 10' minimum from property line if in side yard or 5' minimum from property line if in rear yard.

Restricted Business – Must be 10' to side or rear property line.

Commercial – Must be 10' to side or rear property line.

Major Arterial – Must be 10' to side or rear property line.

*Third Party Testing Agency approved generators must have a minimum of 18 inches clearance from a structure or other combustible materials on all sides. Non Third Party Testing Agency approved generators must have 5 ft. clearance. All generators must have 5 ft. overhead clearance. (As measured from the generator enclosure)

*The generator must be a minimum of 5 ft. from any opening in the wall, operable windows, vents, intakes or exhaust.

*All electrical panels must have visible warning tags located on the outside of the panel door.

*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.

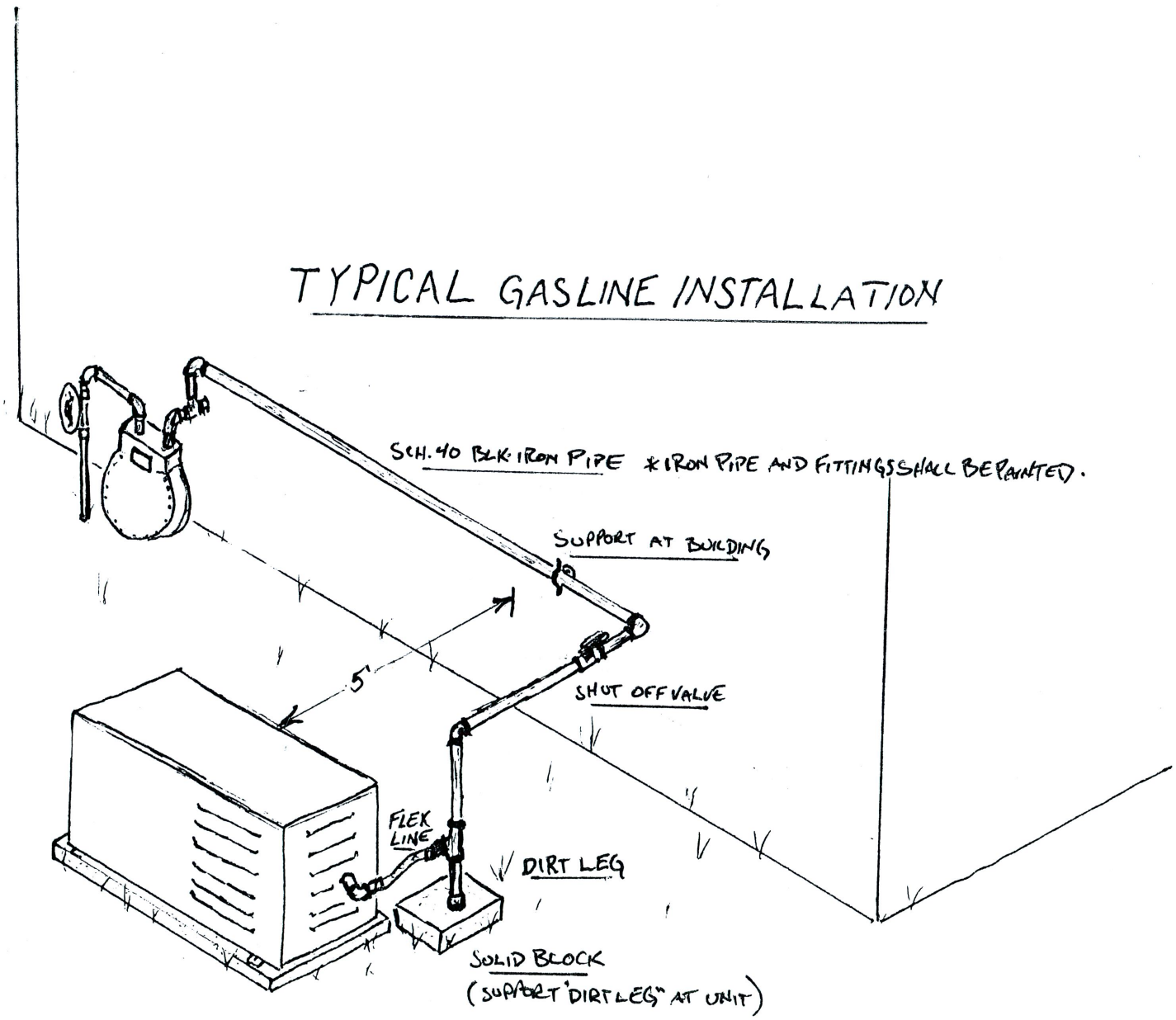
*Smoke and C/O detectors must be located on ALL floor levels. A minimum distance of 15 ft. is required for smoke and C/O detectors located outside sleeping areas. All sleeping areas must have smoke detectors located inside the room.

Inspections Required

*Once the unit is installed, all interior and exterior electrical work must be inspected by Empire Inspections, LLC. 585-798-1849. When electrical is found in compliance, it must be inspected by the Town of Clarence Code Enforcement Officer 716-741-8950 to determine compliance with all applicable requirements.

After the required final inspection by both parties, a Certificate of Compliance will be issued by the Town of Clarence prior to any use of the generator.

TYPICAL GASLINE INSTALLATION



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TOWN OF CLARENCE – BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

Date of Application:_____ Received By:_____ Permit #_____

(Residential) **New Construction**: One Family / Duplex /Multi-Family / Mobile Home / Attached Garage

Detached Garage / Storage Shed / Pole Barn/ Basement / Misc.:_____

(Residential) **Remodel / Addition**:_____

(Commercial) **Remodel / Addition / Change-In-Use**:_____

(New Construction) **Use/Occupancy Classification:**_____

Construction Site: _____ Zip Code _____

Record Owner: _____ Phone_____

Address:_____ Zip Code_____

APPLICANT: _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____ Zip Code _____

Contractor:_____ Cell Phone#_____

Address:_____ Zip Code _____

Fax:_____ E-Mail:_____ Office Phone #_____

Electrician: _____ Heating Contractor: _____

Master Plumber:_____ Sewer Contractor:_____

Estimated Value (Exclusive of Land) _____

NOTICE OF UTILIZATION OF TRUSS TYPE CONSTRUCTION, PRE-ENGINEERED WOOD CONSTRUCTION AND/OR TIMBER CONSTRUCTION FOR ONE & TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS

The structure constructed under this permit application will utilize (check all that apply)

Truss type construction_____ Location_____

Pre-engineered wood construction _____ Location _____

Timber construction _____ Location_____

A TRUSS IDENTIFICATION LABEL MUST BE AFFIXED TO THE ELECTRIC METER CHANNEL PRIOR TO FINAL INSPECTION

Applicant's Signature:_____ _____

Signature Print

3 Plans (1 Wet Stamp) _____ ECHD : _____

Sewer District # _____ Flood Plain Dev. Permit: _____

NYS Energy Calculations:_____ Board of Appeals: _____

Grading & Drainage Plot Plan: _____ Planning Board: _____

Driveway Approval Town/County/State:_____ Town Board: _____

Property Survey : _____ Residential Property Waiver:_____

Architect/Engineer Review & Approval of Soil Test: _____

Architect/Engineer Code Review Checklist (Stamped):_____

Soil Test Results:_____

CONTRACTOR INSURANCE:

Residential Insurance Waiver (Additions or Remodeling) _____

Workmen's Compensation Board Approved Waiver_____

Workmen's Compensation_____ Disability Coverage _____

NYS LABOR DEPARTMENT CODE RULE 56 REQUIRES AN ASBESTOS SURVEY FOR REMODELING, ADDITIONS OR RENOVATION PROJECTS.

EPA RULES PERTAINING TO LEAD SAFETY ARE EFFECTIVE APRIL 2010. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 1-800-424-5323 OR WWW.EPA.GOV/LEAD

Additional Notes: _____

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- **New Energy Code Information – www.energycodes.gov (Click on "Free Software")**

EMERGENCY BACKUP GENERATORS

Electrical & Building Inspector's IMPORTANT UPDATE!

Did you know... According to NFPA Part 70 (National Electrical Code) Article 702.8(a) when a Backup Generator is installed, a sign must be clearly posted at the electrical service entrance indicating that a generator is on premises; furthermore it must disclose the location of the generator.

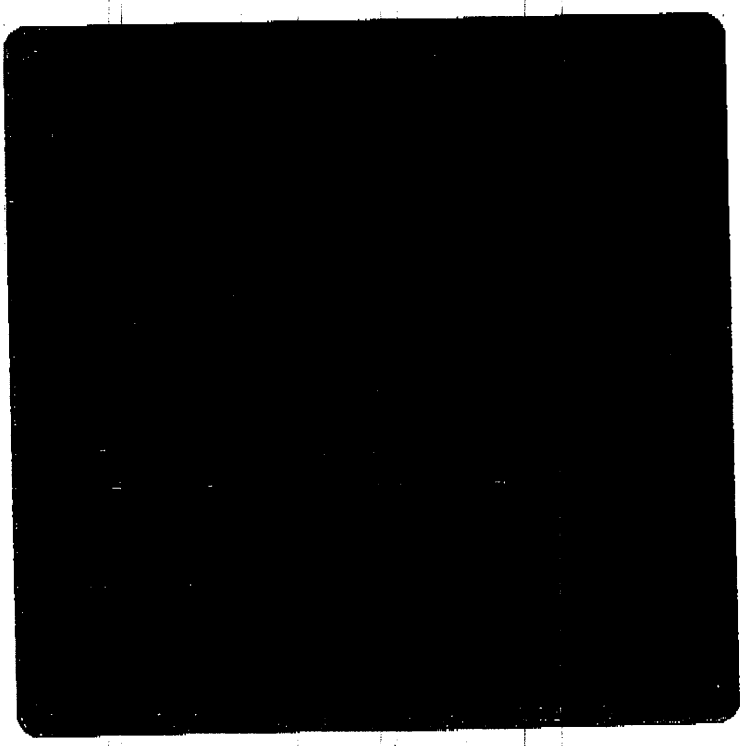
Why is this Important? The purpose of this requirement is to protect the lives and prevent accidental electrocution hazards to Service Workers, Utility Crews and Emergency Responders who may deal with the electrical service during the course of their work.

If your Municipality or Electrical Inspector does not enforce this requirement, now is the time to get involved. Proper training, education and signage will help to prevent unnecessary injuries or fatalities.

Municipalities and Electrical Inspection Agencies are teaming together now to enforce this requirement. We have partnered with the Inspectors & Industry Professionals to develop a standard, yet simple means of identification to meet the requirements. The decals as shown below are available at a reduced cost for Municipalities, Contractors & Homeowners through our website **www.nys-spc.com** or toll-free number at **1-888-697-7693.**

Standardize Your Town or Village Now With the Universal Warning Sign that Meets NFPA requirements!

- Professional Universally Accepted Warning
- Actual Size: 4"x4" – Reflective!
- Fits on all Electrical Panels & Meter Enclosures
- 3M Reflective Material Provides Superior Visibility
- Decals Withstand Harsh New York Environments
- 3M Decals Provide Excellent Adhesion
- Provide Decals With Your Permit Applications
- Purchase Online or via Toll Free Phone #
- Easy Ordering; Local Government PO's Accepted
- Small Quantities Available, No Minimum Order
- Quick Delivery; All Stock Items
- Quality, Service & Satisfaction Guaranteed!
- Customize with Town, or Special Information (Minimum order applies)



TIP: For Additional Safety, we recommend the placement of these signs at both the Electrical Service Entrance (Main Electrical Panel) and on the electrical meter enclosure (usually located outside). By locating this sign at the electrical meter outdoors, both the Utility Company and Emergency Responders (Fire Departments) will be alerted to the presence of a generator before entering or servicing the building.

New York State SitePower Corp. 1-888-697-7693 www.nys-spc.com

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