Generator Regulations

Generators, except for those with sound protection as detailed below, must meet minimum zoning setback requirements from lot lines. If you want to use the setback exceptions below, you must document that the sound protection method you are using limits the decibel level of the generator unit to 70 decibels or less as measured with a sound meter at the lot line. Generators require a permit prior to installation with two copies of both the site plan and the manufacturer’s unit specifications. Please call us at the Village Hall (847) 835-4111 if you have any questions we may assist with.

a. The operation of the emergency generator may be tested only between 9 a.m. and noon on weekdays, excluding holidays.

b. Not more than one emergency generator on a lot will be exempt from the otherwise applicable bulk and space requirements of the Zoning Code if such emergency generator complies with all of the following conditions:

1. The emergency generator serves the principal building or use on the lot.

2. The emergency generator does not exceed 39 inches in height, and does not exceed 53 inches in its length or width.

3. The emergency generator is located in the rear yard or the required minimum side yard and is not farther than three feet from the side or rear wall of the building or structure that the emergency generator serves.

4. Sound attenuation measures are provided that limit the sound output from the emergency generator at all times to a level no higher than 70db as measured from any lot line of the property on which the generator is located. No permit shall be issued for the emergency generator unless the permit applicant has provided satisfactory evidence demonstrating that such sound restrictions will be satisfied.