

III. STANDBY ELECTRIC GENERATOR POLICY

A. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Policy, “Standby Electric Generator” means a device that converts mechanical energy to electrical energy and is:

1. Powered by natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, diesel fuel, biodiesel fuel, or hydrogen;
2. Fully enclosed in an integral manufacturer-supplied sound attenuating enclosure;
3. Connected to the main electrical panel of a residence by a manual or automatic transfer switch; and
4. Rated for a generating capacity of not less than 7 kilowatts.

B. PARAMETERS FOR APPROVAL

The installation and operation of permanently installed Standby Electric Generators are permitted, subject to approval by the ARC, under the following parameters:

1. Standby Electric Generators must be installed and maintained in compliance with:
 - (a) the manufacturer’s specifications; and
 - (b) applicable governmental health, safety, electrical, and building codes;
2. All electrical, plumbing, and fuel line connections for Standby Electric Generators must be installed only by licensed contractors;
3. All electrical connections for Standby Electric Generators must be installed in accordance with applicable governmental health, safety, electrical, and building codes;
4. All natural gas, diesel fuel, biodiesel fuel, or hydrogen fuel line connections for Standby Electric Generators must be installed in accordance with applicable governmental health, safety, electrical, and building codes;
5. All liquefied petroleum gas fuel line connections for Standby Electric Generators must be installed in accordance with rules and standards promulgated and adopted by the Railroad Commission of Texas and other applicable governmental health, safety, electrical, and building codes;

6. Nonintegral Standby Electric Generator fuel tanks must be installed and maintained to comply with applicable municipal zoning ordinances and governmental health, safety, electrical, and building codes;
7. All Standby Electric Generators and their electrical lines and fuel lines must be maintained in good condition;
8. Any deteriorated or unsafe component of a Standby Electric Generator, including electrical or fuel lines, must be repaired, replaced, or removed, as appropriate;
9. A Standby Electric Generator must be screened if it is:
 - (a) visible from the street that the residence faces;
 - (b) located in an unfenced side or rear yard of a residence and visible either from an adjoining residence or from adjoining property owned by the Association; or
 - (c) located in a side or rear yard fenced by a wrought iron or residential aluminum fence and visible through the fence either from an adjoining residence or from adjoining property owned by the Association;
10. Periodic testing of Standby Electric Generators should be in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and must occur between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; and
11. The preferred location for Standby Electric Generators is:
 - (a) at the side or back plane of the home;
 - (b) outside of any easements located upon such Lot; and
 - (c) outside of all side setback lines for such Lot.

However, in the event that the foregoing preferred location either (i) increases the cost of installing the Standby Electric Generator by more than 10%, or (ii) increases the cost of installing and connecting the electrical and fuel lines for the Standby Electric Generator by more than 20%, then the Standby Electric Generator will be located on the Lot in a position that complies as closely as possible with the preferred location without violating either (i) or (ii) noted above.

C. PROHIBITIONS

1. Standby Electric Generators may not be used to generate all or substantially all of the electrical power to a residence, except when utility-generated electrical power to the residence is not available or is intermittent due to causes other than nonpayment for utility service to the residence.
2. Owners are prohibited from locating Standby Electric Generators on property owned or maintained by the Association.

D. ARC APPROVAL

Owners are required to obtain written approval from the ARC prior to the installation of a Standby Electric Generator. The submission of plans must include a completed application for ARC review, a site plan showing the proposed location of the Standby Electric Generator, the type of screening to be used (if required as noted in Section B), and a copy of the manufacturer's brochures. The Association may not withhold approval of a Standby Electric Generator if the proposed installation meets or exceeds the provisions set forth in Section B.

Any installation not in compliance with this Policy is considered a violation of the Dedicatory Instruments governing the Property.

This Standby Electric Generator Policy does not apply to property that is owned or maintained by the Association.

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