Requirements for a Standby Generator

The installation of a standby or backup generator involves various considerations. This document provides an outline of the primary concerns related to their installation. The following must be submitted to allow the Building Division to verify the proposed work will comply with related codes:

1. Two permit applications must be submitted. One from a licensed plumbing or gas contractor and one from a licensed electrical contractor. Both applications must be submitted at the same time. The electrical contractor is usually designated as the prime contractor and is responsible for coordinating the overall installation. Applications are available on our web site WWW.HollywoodFl.org.

2. Two copies of a survey marked up to show the generator’s proximity to the house or business being served and the distance the generator’s exhaust port is from any adjacent window or door opening. Note: The generator exhaust must be located at least 10 feet from any opening in the building served and adjacent buildings. The generator must also be located at least three feet from your property line if the property is residential. If you have any questions regarding the required distance from the property line, please contact the Zoning Office at 954-921-3477.

3. Two copies of an isometric drawing showing the fuel piping and connections to the proposed fuel source. This drawing is usually supplied by your plumbing contractor. Please call 954-921-3919 if you wish to discuss any plumbing issues with our staff.

4. If a Propane or Natural Gas tank will be utilized, its size (in gallons) and location must be shown on the marked up survey. The fuel tank must be separated from the building and adjacent property lines as noted on the plan appearing on the reverse side of this handout. Show the proposed distances on the survey.

5. Two copies of a drawing which details the generator’s connection to the building’s electrical supply. This drawing is usually supplied by your electrical contractor. Please call 954-921-3490 if you wish to discuss any electrical issues with our staff.

6. The generator must be installed on a pad that has the same elevation above grade as the interior floor of your home. This must be noted on the marked up survey.

Note: Some generators are very loud and may significantly affect the well being of your neighbors. This issue should be considered when choosing a generator and deciding where it will be located on your property.
Appendix F. Container Spacing

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION CODE