



City of Malibu

Generator Permit – Streamlined Form

SECTION 1 – PROJECT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____
Property Address: _____
Phone & Email: _____

SECTION 2 – PLANNING EXEMPTION VERIFICATION

All five (5) criteria below must be satisfied for the generator to qualify for exemption from Planning review.

Exemption Criteria

Compliant?

- | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Generator is minimum 3 feet from all property lines. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| 2 Generator is \leq 42 inches in height if located within the front-yard setback. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| 3 Generator is \leq 6 feet in height when located in rear or side-yard setbacks. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| 4 Generator is fully screened on all sides when not adjacent to a building or visible from neighboring properties / street. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| 5 Generator is located on flat, level terrain. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |

If all five boxes are marked “Yes” or “N/A,” the project is exempt from Community Development Department, Planning Division review and may proceed to Building permit review.

If any box is marked “No,” Planning review is required prior to Building Plan Check submittal.

SECTION 3 – BUILDING SAFETY SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Required Documents (check all that apply):

- Site Plan (showing generator location, setbacks, screening, and slope contours)
- Manufacturer’s Specifications (including fuel type)
- Electrical Plans (Single Line and Load Calculations) (Electrical engineered single line diagram will be required if panel is greater than 400 Amps, or, solar/battery is already permitted on the property.)
- Plumbing Plans (Fuel tank or gas line information)
- Foundation or anchorage details

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What does the form mean by “≤ 42 inches” or “≤ 6 feet” in height in relation to a generator?**
 - a. Pursuant to Section 17.40.030 of the Malibu Municipal Code, structures are regulated by height when they are located within the required setbacks of a parcel.
 - b. The city contains different height regulations per the setback (i.e. front yard, rear yard, or the side yard). For any structure located within the front yard setback those height regulations is 42 inches and for the side and rear yards, the height regulation is six feet.

2. **What does the city consider flat, level terrain?**
 - a. Pursuant to Section 17.62 of the Malibu Municipal Code, Administrative Plan Reviews are required for development in slopes that are steeper than a 3:1 ratio. Thus, slopes that are flatter than 3:1 is what the city considers “flat” terrain and therefore do not require a higher-level planning approval.
 - b. In other words, the city means ground that isn’t very steep. If the ground rises noticeably in a short distance, then it is recommended to get advisement from the Planning Department.

3. **When exactly does a generator need to be screened?**
 - a. Pursuant to Section 17.40.030 of the Malibu Municipal Code, accessory structures and equipment located in the rear and side yards must be screened by a solid wall or fence on all sides, except in cases where the equipment is located next to a dwelling, in which case the equipment must be screened on the three sides not adjacent to the dwelling.
 - b. In other words, any section of a generator that is visible from the street or neighboring property must be screened from view.