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Memorandum on Generators

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Subject: Required equipment screening to comply with City Ordinance 56-41: All new and replaced mechanical equipment must be screened from view to the full height of the equipment consistent with all applicable fencing and landscaping requirements and manufacturer's specifications.

Background: The City of Naples previous Building Official, Craig Mole, accepted an alternative method of Code compliance to allow louvered fencing/screening to be closer than the manufacturers installation instructions provided the fencing/screening is labeled that the gates/panels must be opened to run the generator.

The City of Naples has received notice from manufacturers that the use of screening/fencing installed closer than minimum clearances specified in the installation instructions, even if installed to be opened when the equipment is operated, expressly violates manufacturer's installation instructions on clearances. Not only does this type of installation violate the current code requirements, which require installation to be according to the manufacturer's installation instructions, it will also void the manufacturer's warranty.

The 2023 Florida Building Code, 8th Edition, will now have a new section (M1905 Residential Permanently Installed Stand-By Generators) which expressly requires Installation to be according to manufacturer's Installation Instructions. "**M1905.2 Installation. Installation of permanently installed stand-by generators shall comply with the applicable provisions of NFPA 70, National Electrical Code, Manufacturer's installation instructions, and conditions of the listing.**"

The intent of this Memorandum is to inform our contractors, design professionals and owners, that effective December 31st, 2023 (the date of the FBC 8th Edition becoming effective, the City of Naples will no longer accept louvered fencing/screening labeled to be open when operating the equipment, to be an acceptable alternative for code compliance. Installation instructions for equipment clearances will be strictly enforced for new and replacement generators.

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