



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2020-0396

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Scott Cope, Director of Building/Ordinance/Facilities, ext. 2445

DATE: November 16th, 2020

SUBJECT: First Reading to add Division 4 Portable Generators to Chapter 70 Article IV of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills to regulate the use of Portable Generators.

REQUEST:

We are requesting that City Council accept the First Reading to add Division 4 Portable Generators to Chapter 70 Article IV of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County Michigan to regulate the use of Portable Generators for power supply.

REASON FOR REQUEST:

The unregulated use of portable generators to supply power to residential and non-residential buildings can create noise and emission nuisances that may detrimentally affect neighbors and may present possible fire and health dangers to the occupants of the premise.

This ordinance would regulate the use of portable generators in an effort to limit these noise and emission concerns.

The proposed ordinance has been revised as noted below to address the concerns expressed by City Council members at the October 5th, 2020 meeting.

- The ordinance expressly applies only to portable generators, not stationary standby generators.
- A definition of “portable generator” has been added and portable generators are distinguished from stationary generators.
- A 2nd paragraph has been added to Sec. 70-213 to expressly state the regulation does not apply to stationary generators or to temporary use of portable generators for power tools, pumps, construction and the like –subject to any other applicable ordinances, codes and regulations (e.g., construction hours).
- The ordinance still will allow portable generators to be used to power homes and buildings during power outages, but portable generators are not deemed to be an acceptable alternative energy facility or allowed to be used on a permanent or continuous basis to power a home or building.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council accept the First Reading to add Division 4 Portable Generators to Chapter 70 Article IV of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County Michigan to regulate the use of Portable Generators.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Director		
Mayor		
Deputy Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney Yes N/A