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## BUILDING INDUSTRY BULLETIN

**EFFECTIVE DATE: December 14, 2022**

**TO:** ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, GENERAL CONTRACTORS, and ASSOCIATIONS

**SUBJECT:** GENERATORS AS TEMPORARY POWER

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### **POLICY:**

The purpose of this bulletin is to clarify the Planning and Development and Fresno Fire Department's requirements regarding the use of temporary power supplies for newly constructed, altered, or modified buildings/facilities and public access to those buildings. This bulletin applies to all buildings within the City of Fresno. The term temporary, shall mean a period not to exceed 90 days.

Based upon the need for uniformity in application across the Department's diverse service delivery area, and after careful deliberation, the Departments have determined the following are approved uses and requirements of temporary power supplies:

1. **COMMERCIAL:** For single story B, F-1, F-2, M, S-1, S-2 occupancies. **RESIDENTIAL:** R-3 model homes.
2. Eligible occupancies shall NOT be equipped with an electric fire pump, building fire alarm system, or emergency responder radio coverage system.
3. A separate submittal, review, and permit issuance, in addition to the original application, is required. Separate review and inspection fees shall apply. Plans to include site plan, all original electrical plans, electrical power requirements, generator specifications and method of tie in, documentation from the utility provider with an estimate of when service will be available, etc.
4. The following will review the plans for temporary generators: Building (Electrical), Building (Structural—if necessary), Planning, and Fire.

5. At least one generator will be required per building. Generators are NOT to be shared.
6. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District exempts generators under 50 bhp (37KW). Temporary generators 50 bhp or larger require a permit (or apply for an exemption for up to 60 days). Regardless of San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District exemption a permit must still be obtained from the City of Fresno Planning and Development Department as noted above.
7. Periodic inspections may occur to verify that the generator(s) are operating. Non-functioning generators and/or unsafe/hazardous conditions which result will cause the immediate revocation of the generator permit and immediate cessation of the use of the occupancy by either the Fresno Fire Department or City of Fresno Building and Safety Services.
8. Under no conditions will a Certificate of Occupancy be issued for occupancies on Temporary Power.
9. Written documentation from PG&E about the delay in power and an estimate of when services may be provided.