

**CHARLESTOWN TOWNSHIP
RESIDENT SURVEY
STAND BY AND PORTABLE GENERATORS**

The Charlestown Township Board of Supervisors is seeking your input on its current generator regulations via the Survey Monkey link below by January 31, 2021.

After a year with multiple power outages, many residents are looking to install whole house stand-by generators. The current Charlestown Township generator ordinance states that a permanent generator not only needs an electrical permit but its location must be 21 feet from the property setback line in order to meet the township's noise ordinance that the decibel limit at the property line is no more than 57dB. There are no restrictions on portable generators, though an electrical permit is required if a transfer switch is installed.

Since the Spring Oak, Pickering Crossing, Charlestown Hunt, Charlestown Meadows, and Charlestown Oaks developments have carriage homes and other multiple unit configurations, the ordinance precludes the use of permanent stand-by generators for most of these units, and, in some cases, for the small lot single homes.

There have been requests to possibly change the ordinance 21 foot restriction, which brings with it significant challenges, the first of which is the noise the generators make which neighbors may not want to endure.

Your Board of Supervisors seeks to balance the needs and concerns of all residents to the extent possible. We want to know your thoughts so we can determine whether significant numbers of residents would object to loosening or removing the setback requirement.

Please note that any regulations the Township has for generators do not override HOA restrictions for your specific community.

Your individual responses will be kept confidential.

Please take the Survey, sponsored by the Charlestown Township Board of Supervisors by visiting:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MYX2ZPJ>