

Office of the Mayor

Executive Order

2020-09

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy issued Executive Order 103 concerning the outbreak of COVID-19 in the State; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to weigh heavy on the economy, causing hardship for businesses and families; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2020, Tropical Storm Isaias ripped through Marlboro causing substantial tree damage and power outages to more than 90% of Township businesses and families; and

WHEREAS, extended power outages adversely affect residents who remain isolated at home in the heat without air conditioning, the ability to charge communication and medical devices, and even access to potable water for those with well water; and

WHEREAS, Jersey Central Power and Light (JCP&L), the electric utility servicing Marlboro has thus far proven unable to effectively manage the restoration of service following the most severe weather events, leaving Township residents especially vulnerable during this summer hurricane season; and

WHEREAS, Marlboro Township Code, Section 125-3 (Construction Codes, Uniform, Fees) and Section 220-15 (Non refundable fees: Schedule A) govern the issuance of permits for residential standby and portable generator installations; and

WHEREAS, Uniform Construction Code fees consist of a Township fee and non-waivable State (Department of Community Affairs or "DCA") fee; and

WHEREAS, Section 12 of the Governor's Executive Order allows for the suspension of enforcement of any ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in light of the State of Emergency issued by Governor Murphy, it is prudent to temporarily waive the Township fees for residential standby and portable generator installations to help ensure that residents have continuous power during this unparalleled time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Jonathan L. Hornik, Mayor of the Township of Marlboro New Jersey hereby temporarily waive the fees for residential standby and portable generator installations, subject to the following:

- (1) Temporary fee waivers shall apply to new applications made between September 3, 2020 and October 16, 2020.
- (2) The temporary fee waivers shall not be applied retroactively.
- (3) The State DCA fee shall not be waived and will be charged accordingly.
- (4) Permits and inspections will still be required for all generator installations to ensure that they meet state and local codes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT generators installed without permits are subject to fines and penalties starting at \$2,000.00 pursuant to NJAC 5:23-2.31 [e].



Jonathan L. Hornik

Jonathan L. Hornik, Mayor
Township of Marlboro
September 2, 2020