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**Subject:** standby generator noise and appearance in OWS

Hello Jill, if I may,

My husband and I have lived at 408 Second St for over 43 years, and I have served on the Old West Side Board in the past.

We are concerned that our back neighbor, Sarah Okuyama/Burnt Toast Inn (owner of a B & B), is planning to install a standby generator. These are very loud, at the level of a driving lawn mower. Her yard abuts ours and any noise--normal voice conversation, for instance, comes directly into our home.

A couple of weeks ago, from inside my home, I could hear her talking with a Home Depot sales person and I went over to her front door, and attempted to speak with her. She walked away from me, calling me an unpleasant name. This week I could hear the contractors in her yard making their measurements and explanations so apparently she is going forward with this plan.

We assume that her intended generator will be larger (and even louder) than normal since it will be supplying energy for the several rooms and amenities in her B & B business. Not only will there be a problem with noise for us and other neighbors, but it likely will create reverberations and vibrations.

We also speculate that this generator and its noise so close to our house could affect our property values in the future.

Finally, but most importantly, since her property has a side yard, the generator will be visible from the street. Wouldn't this violate Historic District regulations? We would also like to know, if a permit is pulled will it come to your attention for administrative approval? What is the precedent for this in the Historic Districts (air conditioner regulations, for instance?).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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