



City of Los Altos

Planning Division

MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

All mechanical equipment, including heating or air conditioning units, sump pumps, generators, and ventilation equipment and appurtenances, shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 11.14 (Mechanical Equipment) and Chapter 6.16 (Noise Control) of the Los Altos City Code. Below is a summary of the regulations; the complete set of requirements pertaining to mechanical equipment and noise regulations can be found in the Los Altos City Code.

- Any mechanical equipment and appurtenances which are higher than eighteen inches shall not be located closer than five (5) feet from any property line and shall be screened from public view.
- All roof mounted equipment and appurtenances shall be shielded and architecturally screened from public view. All screening material shall be compatible with and integrated into the architectural design of the existing or proposed structure and shall be equal to or taller than the height of the equipment.
- Any noise generating roof mounted equipment and appurtenances are required to conduct a noise reading by a certified acoustical consultant and furnish a signed letter indicating compliance with Chapter 6.16 (Noise Control).
- **Regardless of where equipment is located, the provisions of the Noise Control Ordinance (Chapter 6.16) shall apply, and it is the responsibility of the property owner to mitigate any violations. If baffling and/or repairs do not achieve compliance, it may be necessary to either relocate or replace the equipment.**