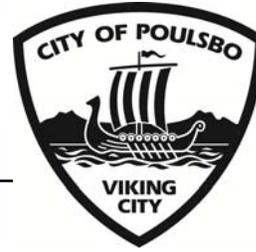


Poulsbo Planning Department

Measuring Building Height



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What is the definition of Building Height?

Building height means the vertical distance above finished grade at the exterior walls of the building to the highest point of the structure or segment, except as exempted in PMC Section 18.84.030.

What is a segment?

A segment is when a break in the roofline, change in the number of stories, or break in the finished grade occurs. The overall building height shall be the average of all sides.

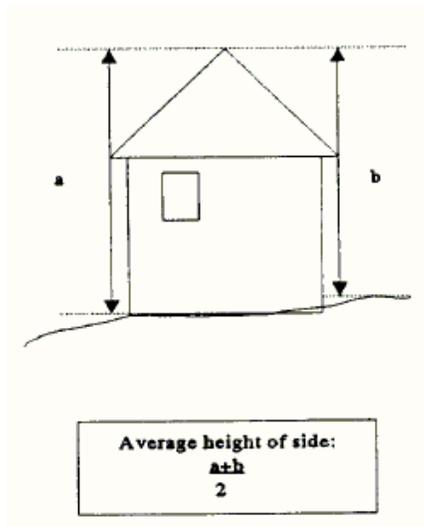


Figure 1: Measuring building height of one side of a structure.

What are the height limits in Poulsbo?

All zoning districts have a maximum average building height limitation of 35 feet. However, pursuant to PMC 18.52.020(H), structures that propose under building parking may increase the building height limit by 10 feet in the RM, RH, C, DC, LI and BP zoning districts.

What are the exceptions to the height limit?

Height limitations do not apply in certain cases. For example, chimneys, church spires, domes, flagpoles, elevator shafts, and wireless communication facilities are some features exempt from the height limitation. See PMC 18.84.030 for the full list.

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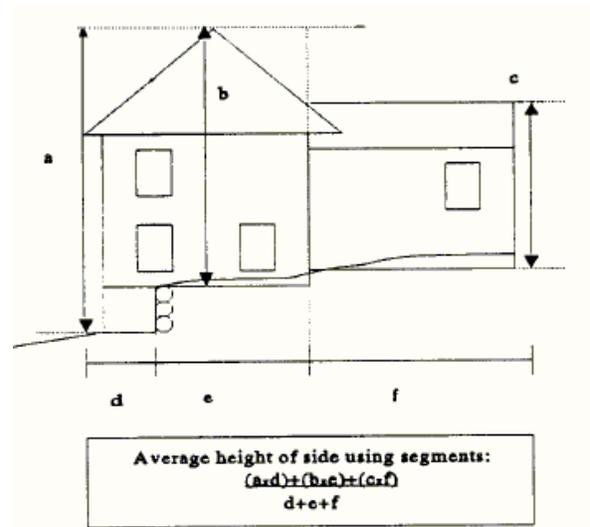


Figure 2: Measuring building height using average of segments on one side of a structure.

Where can I get additional information?

- PMC 18.08.010—Definitions, "Building Height."
- Contact the Poulsbo Planning Department by phone, e-mail, or in person.