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SURVEY EXEMPTION POLICY

Objective:

It is the objective of this policy to establish criteria defining the circumstances in which a survey (or surveys) will be required as a condition of a building permit. The City recognizes that each required survey adds additional cost for residents, and that staff should strive to only require information necessary to ensure compliance with City Code.

Proposed Construction:

By code, every application for a building permit shall be accompanied by an up-to-date certified site survey with the following exceptions:

- Interior remodels
- Re-roofs
- Re-siding

The following two conditional exceptions will also be made:

- General maintenance projects (defined as the repair or replacement of an existing structure where no expansion is proposed) can be excluded from the updated survey requirement provided an old survey showing the structure being replaced/repaired is provided. A scaled site plan for general maintenance projects may be permissible if approved by the zoning administrator provided the site plan can verify conformance to code requirements.
- Permits for fences can also be issued provided the fence location is hand drawn to-scale on an old survey that identifies the lot lines and the location of the primary structure. A scaled site plan will not be accepted for fence permits.

Foundation Survey Criteria:

Applications for new structures will be required to provide an as-built foundation survey if one of the following criteria apply:

- The proposed new construction will be within five (5) or less feet of any applicable structural setback requirement;
- The proposed new construction will be within ten (10) or less feet of any existing/proposed well or septic system;

- The proposed new accessory structure or addition will be within five (5) or less feet of any private or public sewer line;
- The proposed new construction is required to be reviewed for its lowest floor opening;

As-Built Survey Criteria:

Applications for new structures will be required to provide an as-built survey if one of the following criteria apply:

- The new construction includes proposed contours that will significantly alter the drainage patterns on the property such that adjacent properties or structures on the subject property are threatened;
- The new construction will be within ten (10) or less feet of any lot line;
- The new construction is proposed to be within two (2) or less feet of the maximum height requirement.
- The proposed new construction is being built in conjunction with a variance or conditional use permit subject to specific grading or screening requirements.

Modification of Policy:

This policy may be amended from time-to-time by the City Council.