

CITY OF NEWPORT
ORDINANCE
OF THE
COUNCIL

NO. 2019-

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 17 OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND, AMENDED, ENTITLED, "ZONING."

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Newport:

THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REVISION OF 1994, AS SECTION 1. Chapter 17.08 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Newport, RI, revision of 1994, as amended, entitled, 'DEFINITIONS'' is hereby further amended as follows:

Delete in its entirety:

"Building height" means the vertical distance from established grade, as prescribed by this zoning code, to the top of the highest point of the roof or structure. The distance shall exclude spires, chimneys, flag poles, and the like.

ADD:

"Building height" For a vacant parcel of land, building height shall be measured from the average, existing-grade elevation where the foundation of the structure is proposed. For an existing structure, building height shall be measured from average grade taken from the outermost four (4) corners of the existing foundation. In all cases, building height shall be measured to the top of the highest point of the existing or proposed roof or structure. This distance shall exclude spires, chimneys, flag poles, and the like. For any property or structure located in a special flood hazard area, as shown on the official FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), where freeboard, as defined in this section, is being utilized or proposed, such freeboard area, not to exceed five feet (5'), shall be excluded from the building height calculation.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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