



HEIGHT CERTIFICATION

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Due to the problems we have had regarding building height controls, which have resulted in significant and costly alterations, we have implemented a new policy. In effort to avoid any errors we are requiring the certification of building heights prior to framing inspection and a verification by a licensed surveyor to set a reference (benchmark) point prior to any site disturbance. This policy is effective county wide for those projects which are deemed necessary or have a critical building height issue. In order to serve you in a timely and efficient way, we are asking that you be aware of the changes regarding building height controls on building and land use permits.

Land use permits or building permits may have the following conditions placed on the project:

- **Prior to any site disturbance**, a licensed surveyor shall establish average natural grade (high and low corners staked) and set a reference (benchmark) point.
- **Prior to Roof Nailing inspection**, the applicant shall provide written verification to the building inspector certifying the building height including the actual and allowable approved building heights. The certification shall be done by a licensed surveyor.

In addition, to avoid errors or costly modifications to structures under construction we highly recommend that the topography map be prepared by a licensed surveyor.

If you have questions regarding this new policy please contact Cheryl Journey, Chief Building Official, at cjourney@co.slo.ca.us.