

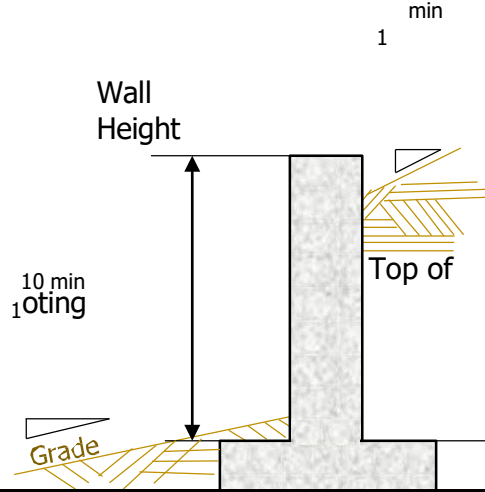


RETAINING WALL EXAMPLES

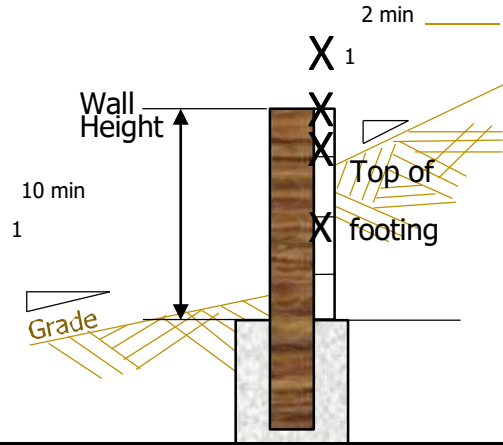
Building permits are required if the wall height exceeds 3 feet.

All heights are measured from top of footing to top of wall.

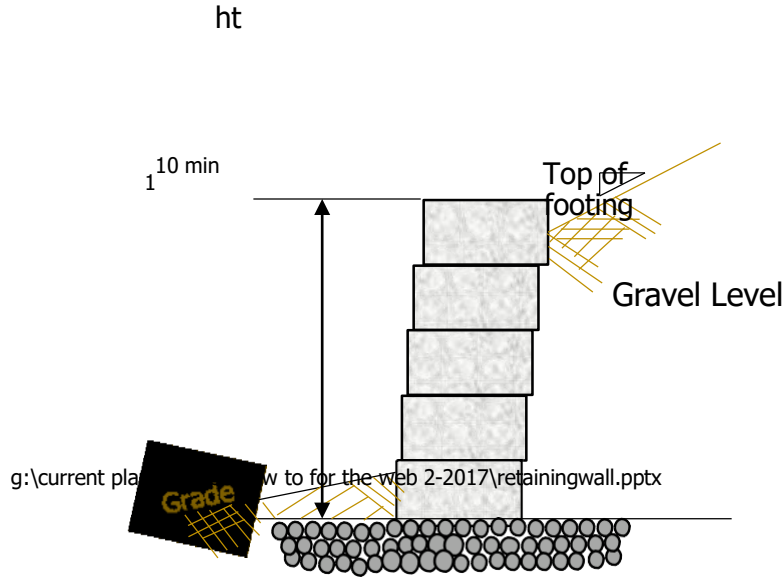
Typical Concrete Masonry Wall



Typical Wood Retaining Wall



Typical Prefabricated Block Wall



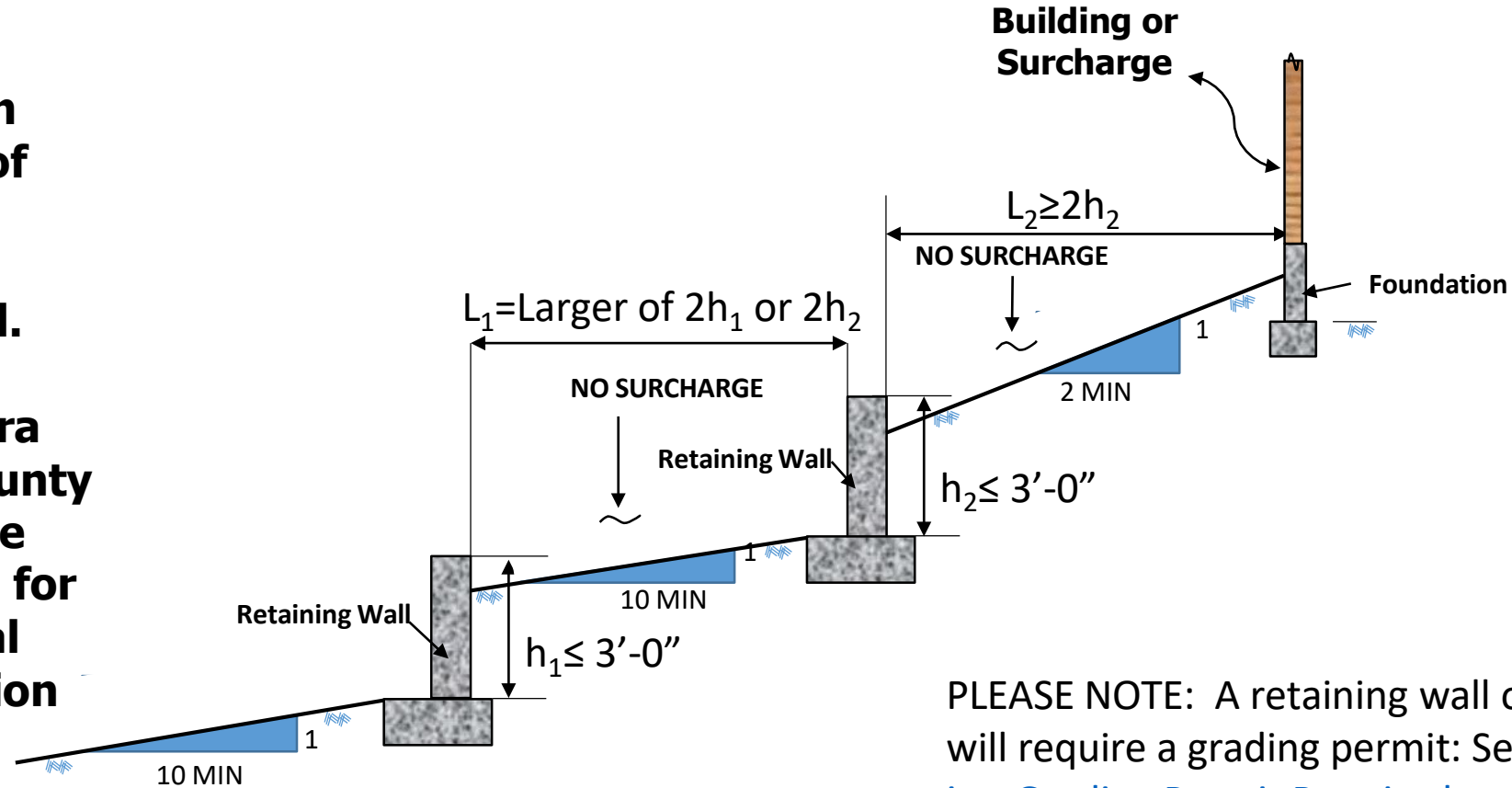
Contra Costa County Code building regulation states:

74-4.002 (a)(2) Work exempt from permit. CBC Section 105.2, work exempt from permit, is amended to read:

"4. Retaining walls which are not over 3 feet in height measured from the top of the footing to top of the wall and that have a downward ground slope at the bottom of the retaining wall not exceeding 1 (vertical): 10 (horizontal), unless supporting a surcharge or ground slope exceeding 1:2 or impounding class I, II, or III-a liquids."
(Ord. 99-1 § 6)

GUIDELINES FOR: TERRACED RETAINING WALLS EXEMPT FROM PERMITS

- **Maximum number of retaining walls is unlimited.**
- **See Contra Costa County Ordinance 74-2.002 for additional information**



PLEASE NOTE: A retaining wall on fill, will require a grading permit: See [When is a Grading Permit Required.](#)