



# BUILDING HEIGHT

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All buildings in Orono are limited to a maximum building height of 30 feet or less, as defined within City Code Section [78-1](#) as follows:

**Building height** means the vertical distance between the highest **existing** ground level or ten feet above the lowest ground level, whichever is lower, and the top of the cornice of a flat roof, or the deck line of a mansard roof, or the uppermost point on a round or other arch-type roof, or the median height of the highest gable of a pitched or hipped roof.

Topographic changes which elevate the adjoining ground level above the existing terrain shall not be considered in determining building height.

### How to determine the defined height for a building:

Distance Between First Floor and defined Top of Roof* as defined above.	(a)	<input type="text"/>
First Floor Elevation (from building plans):	(b)	<input type="text"/>
Highest <b>existing</b> ground level touching the building's footprint (per survey) or 10' above lowest ground level, whichever is lower:	(c)	<input type="text"/>
Difference between (b) and (c)**:	(d)	<input type="text"/>
<b>DEFINED HEIGHT</b> <i>**If the elevation in Box C is <b>higher</b> than Box B, Defined Height is (a) - (d)</i> <b>OR</b> <i>If the elevation in Box C is <b>lower</b> than Box B, Defined Height is (a) + (d)</i>	(e)	<input style="border: 2px solid black;" type="text"/>

### For More Information

Contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 952-249-4620 or [planning@ci.orono.mn.us](mailto:planning@ci.orono.mn.us).

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Note: This is an information sheet only, every effort has been made to insure the accuracy of the information contained herein; however, if any information is not consistent with provisions of the City Code, the Code provisions will prevail.