

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE



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SUBJECT: Clarification of Definition of "Height (or Depth)" of Cut (or Excavation)

County Code Section 16.20.050 (a) and (b) describe grading thresholds for cuts and fills which, when exceeded require a grading permit. The Code has never contained guidance as to how to measure cuts and fills in the field. Therefore the following definition and illustration is intended to provide clarification for staff. *what about the public?*

Height or depth of excavation (cut) is defined as the vertical dimension of the exposed cut surface (see Figure 1).

Height or depth of embankment (fill) is defined as the vertical dimension of the exposed fill surface (see Figure 1).

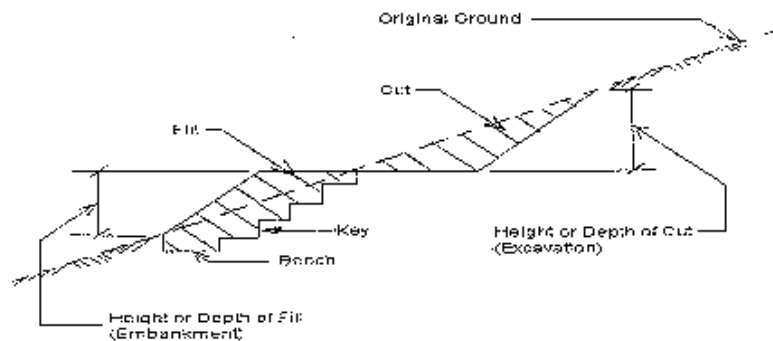


Figure 1