



## 2015 Residential Code Question Of The Week

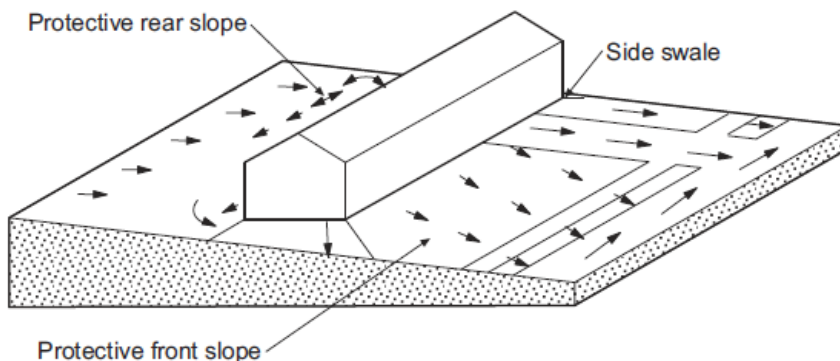
Unless otherwise approved by the CBO, lots shall be graded so as to drain surface water away from foundation walls a minimum of \_\_\_ inches the first \_\_\_ feet.

- A) 4, 6
- B) 4, 10
- C) 6, 6
- D) 6, 10



### IRC R401.3

*Surface drainage shall be diverted to a storm sewer conveyance or other approved point of collection that does not create a hazard. Lots shall be graded so as to drain surface water away from foundation walls. The grade shall fall a minimum of 6 inches (152 mm) within the first 10 feet (3048 mm).*




Grading method for lot where slope is from rear to front lot. Drainage swales are located at rear and sides of dwelling.



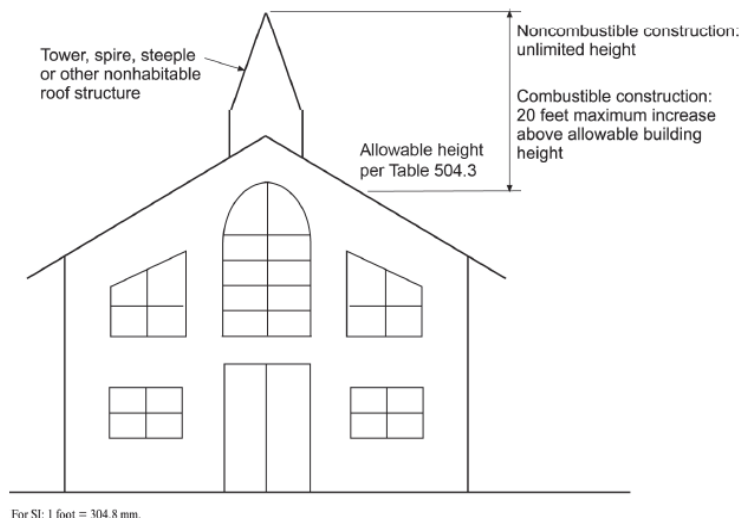
## 2015 Commercial Code Question Of The Week

A church steeple shall not extend more than \_\_\_ feet above the allowable building height if of combustible materials.

- A) 15
- B) 20 
- C) 40
- D) Combustible materials not allowed

### IBC 504.3

*Towers, spires, steeples and other roof structures shall be constructed of materials consistent with the required type of construction of the building except where other construction is permitted by Section 1510.2.5. Such structures shall not be used for habitation or storage. The structures shall be unlimited in height if of noncombustible materials and shall not extend more than 20 feet (6096 mm) above the allowable building height if of combustible materials (see Chapter 15 for additional requirements).*

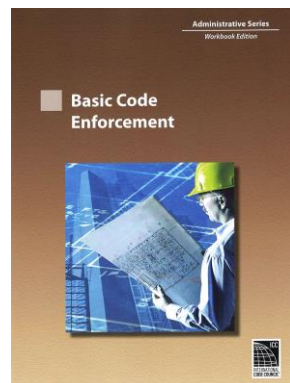
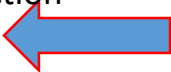




## Permit Technician Question Of The Week

Permit and plan review fees are collected to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) provide prevailing wages to the building department staff
- B) provide a minimum profit for the jurisdiction
- C) abate dangerous buildings within a jurisdiction
- D) offset the cost of departmental operations



### Basic Code Enforcement Page 55

Generally, fees are collected to offset the cost of department operations. Ideally, the code enforcement department should be self-supporting.

Once the department is established and has a financial history, fees are based on budgetary requirements. The budgeting process is the cornerstone of the fee process; each community should decide what constitutes an acceptable fee structure. To establish a budget, the department should evaluate the services needed and establish a cost for each service.

Direct Costs	Indirect Costs
<b>Personnel:</b> <b>Wages</b> <b>Benefits</b> (vacation, insurance, sick leave, pensions) <b>Employer's share of FICA taxes</b> <b>Other:</b> <b>Equipment</b> (automobiles, tools, test equipment, computers) <b>Supplies</b> (fuel, paper products) <b>Contact Services</b> (consulting fees, outside plan reviews, third-party inspection services, expert witness services)	<b>Administrative:</b> <b>General Government</b> (manager's office, accounting, finance, purchasing, personnel, data process, mail room, attorney) <b>Department Administration</b> (secretaries, clerical, supervisors, department supervisors) <b>Facilities</b> (janitorial services, maintenance costs) <b>Operating Costs</b> (utilities) <b>Capital Costs</b> (space use, building or space rental)