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Section 401.3 Drainage

Question:

Is it not the intent of 401.3 to provide for drainage of water downward and away from the perimeter walls of a home, to prevent ponding of water and soggy lots within the first ten feet of the perimeter?

Answer

Yes. The lot is required to be graded; to drain surface water away from foundation wall. For a monolithic foundation, the thickened edge could be deemed as the foundation wall. The grade is required to fall a minimum of 6 inches within the first 10 feet, except where space prohibits drains or swales are required.

Commentary:

None.

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