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Section 401.3

Question:

Is it the intent of Code 401.3 to ensure the installation of pre-sod soil grading about home exterior walls to prevent pooling of water about the home perimeter?

Answer

Residential Code 401.3 The code requires 6 inches of fall within the first 10 feet of the foundation wall. Where lot lines, walls, slopes or other physical barriers prohibit this requirement, drains or swales shall be constructed to ensure drainage away from the structure. Impervious surfaces require a minimum 2 percent slope within the first 10 feet.

Commentary:

The intent of the 6 inch fall within the first ten feet of the foundation is to keep site water drainage away from the structures supporting foundation.

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