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# Director's Rule 25-83

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Section 23.44.22, Institutions, Section (J) 4 Height states that:

> "A religious symbol and that portion of the roof supporting it, including but not limited to a belfry or a spire, may extend an additional twenty-five feet above the height limit."

The code language very clearly allows an additional twenty-five feet of height above that customarily permitted for "a religious symbol and that portion of the roof supporting it .....". The intent of this language, in light of the very strongly expressed goal of the Single Family Policies to strictly control the bulk of institutions, is to allow a limited amount of roof area above the height regularly permitted. This rule provides specific guidelines which control the extent of the roof and religious symbol's penetration of the height limit of the zone.

The following guidelines shall be met in order to exercise this provision:

1. A religious symbol shall be considered to be a unique architectural feature which can penetrate or exceed the permitted height.

2. There shall be no usable floor area above the height limit regularly permitted prior to the exercise of this height exception provision. That is, no space shall require an occupant load calculation above the height limit.

3. The roof area allowed above the regularly permitted height shall not exceed ten percent of the total roof area of the contiguous structure.

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