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Director's Rule 6-83

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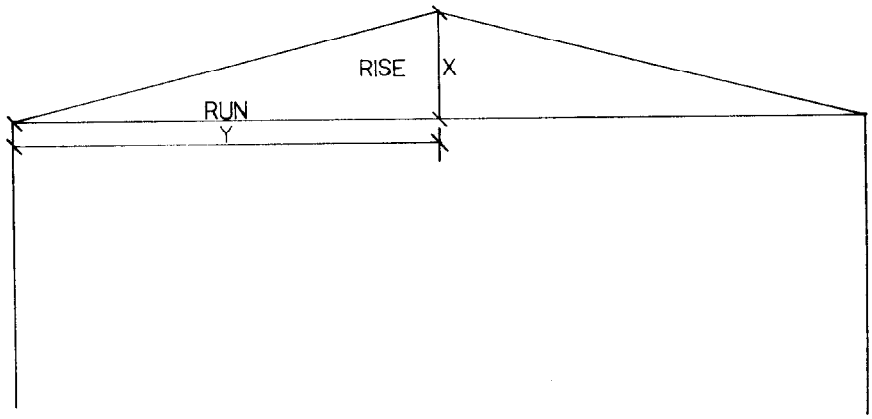
CITY OF SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION AND LAND USE	Publication May 12, 1983	Effective June 20, 1983
	Code and Section Reference SEE BELOW	
Subject Clarification of Pitched Roof Height Allowance	Type of Ruling Code Interpretation	
	Ordinance Authority 3.02.020 SMC	
Index Zoning/Bulk	Approved William J. Justen	Date 6-10-83

Code & Section Reference:

23.44.12 B	Single Family
23.45.08 C	Lowrise 1
23.45.22 C	Lowrise 2
23.45.36 C	Lowrise 3
23.45.50 C	Midrise

In all residential zones except Highrise, the ridge of a pitched roof on a principal structure is permitted to extend up to five feet above the height limit, so long as the pitch is at least three in twelve. In interpreting this provision, pitch shall mean the rate of slope, that is, vertical rise over horizontal run.

REASON: Although some architectural texts make a distinction between "pitch" and "slope" as ordinarily used, they are synonymous. DCLU will use the ordinary meaning of pitch, i.e., "rate of slope."

PITCH = RISE / RUN = X/Y

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