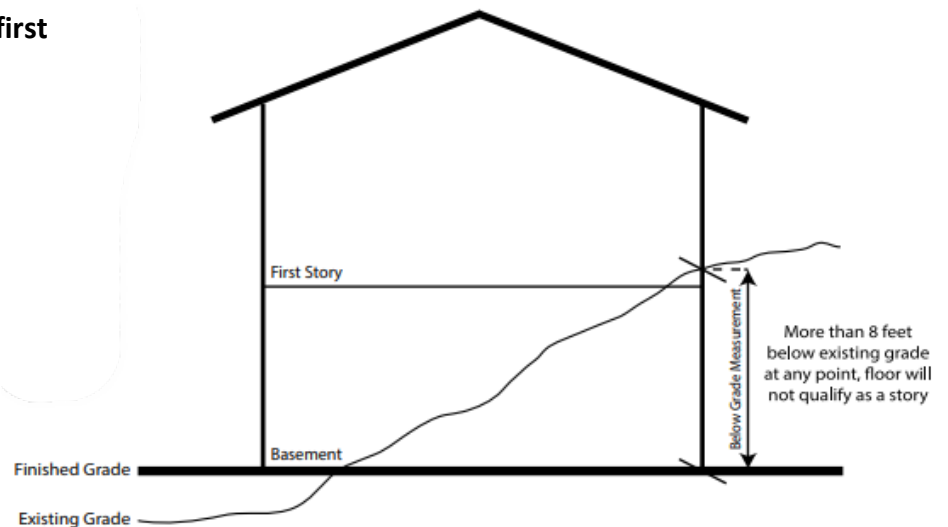


The first story is defined as “the lowest story in a building that qualifies as a story,” with the following exceptions:

1. If the building consists of only one floor level, it is classified as a first story.

2. If a floor in a building is more than eight (8) feet below the existing grade at any point along the outside perimeter of the building, it does not qualify as a story for the purposes of measuring maximum building height.



3. If a floor in a building is more than four (4) feet below the existing grade for more than 50 percent of the total outside perimeter of the building, it does not qualify as a story for the purposes of measuring maximum building height.

