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**Proposed Structure**

5525

5526.5

5521.6

5522.8

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**Street Name**

Property Line

Deck

Porch

Columns

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**On Elevation Drawings**

- Provide proposed roof peak elevation in USGS (5551.97)
- Provide average grade in USGS (5523.97)
- Provide proposed top of foundation in USGS (5525.47)

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**On Site Plan**

Show grade contours

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Calculate the average of the four grade elevations:

Example:

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22095 / 4 = 5523.97

(Average grade elevation)

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* For buildings in a R-0.05, R-0.1, R-0.25, R-0.5, R-0.75, R-1.0, R-1.5 or R-2.5 District, chimneys or appurtenances for ventilation, not exceeding twelve (12) square feet on the largest face and integrated into the architecture of the building, may extend up to three (3) feet above the building, without increasing the measured building height.

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