

**ORDINANCE
of the
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

By Bender

**Amending Title 20, Chapter 520 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code:
Introductory Provisions**

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 520.160 of the above entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

520.160. - Definitions.

Unless otherwise expressly stated, or unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning, the words and phrases in the following list of definitions shall, for the purposes of this zoning ordinance, have the meanings indicated. Additional definitions may be found within specific chapters of this zoning ordinance. All words and phrases not defined shall have their common meaning.

Story. That portion of a building included between the upper surface of any floor and the upper surface of the floor next above, or fourteen (14) feet, whichever is less, except that the topmost story shall be that portion of a building included between the upper surface of the topmost floor and the ceiling or roof above. Where a portion of a building included between the upper surface of any floor and the upper surface of the floor next above exceeds fourteen (14) feet in height, each fourteen (14) feet or fraction thereof is considered a story except that the first story may be up to twenty (20) feet in height for all buildings other than single- and two-family dwellings and multiple-family dwellings having three (3) or four (4) dwelling units. If the finished floor surface directly above a basement, cellar or unused under floor space is more than six (6) feet above grade, for more than fifty (50) percent of the total perimeter, or is more than twelve (12) feet above grade at any point, such basement, cellar or unused under floor space shall be considered a story.

Story, half. A partial story that meets the following criteria:

(1) The half story will be located on a principal residential structure with a maximum district or use height of two and one half (2.5) stories. A partial story located in any other district or on any other use shall be considered a full story.

~~(1)~~ (2) Habitable space located under a gable or hip roof and all of the roof rafters shall be located within two (2) feet of the floor joists, except at gable ends or where dormers are allowed.

~~(2)~~ (3) Dormers on the half story will meet the following standards.

- a. The total width of all dormers on any façade will not exceed fifty (50) percent of the width of the wall of the floor below the half story roof.
- b. Dormers will be located no closer than three (3) feet from any end-of-house corner of the floor below and any gable end wall.
- c. Dormers will not extend beyond the wall below and will not interrupt the eave edge of the hip or gable roof.