

**Building Department**

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**RETAINING WALL.** A wall or other retaining structure or system designed to provide lateral support of soil, water or other materials, that does not provide vertical support for structural elements of a building and has any portion of its exposed face inclined steeper than one horizontal to one vertical. This definition shall include concrete walls, crib and bin walls, reinforced or mechanically stabilized earth systems, anchored walls, soil nail walls, multi-tiered systems, boulder walls, or other retaining structures.

**Exception.** The definition of Retaining Wall does not include slope facings, armor or riprap placed for the sole purpose of protection against surface erosion.

**All retaining walls retaining 4 or more feet of unbalanced fill must meet the following.**

1. For the permit application provide structural drawings stamped by a MA registered professional.
2. A certified plot plan stamped by a MA registered professional or civil engineer showing heights of walls and setbacks in compliance with the Town of Wellesley Zoning Bylaws section [XXIID](#).
3. For final inspection please provide a Structural affidavit by the MA professional stating that the retaining wall was built to the submitted plans and in accordance with accepted engineering practices.
4. Submit a certified as-built on the forms located in the Wellesley Building department showing zoning compliance.

Note:

- A Construction Supervisor License is not required.
- A HIC Registration is required