Story Poles

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Why?
The purpose of story poles and orange netting is to demonstrate the proposed mass of the project, to reveal view impacts resulting from the project and to inform the Architectural Review process.

Story poles and orange netting are required for the following project types:

- Construction greater than one story;
- Projects that involve an increase in height; or
- As directed by the Architectural Review Committee, Planning Commission or City Council.

If safety concerns, such as inclement weather, make the installation of story poles hazardous, an applicant should inform staff. An alternative method of conveying the project can be considered.

When?
The story poles and orange netting must be installed at least 10 days before project deliberation. They must be removed after the 10-day appeal period following the date of deliberation.

How?

- Identify the three major roof components: ridge, rake, and eave with 18” orange netting, which is available at most hardware stores.
- Story poles, netting or supports may not be attached to trees or utility poles.
- The following illustrations demonstrate the required elements of story-poles:

NOTE: The accuracy of the height of story poles may require certification by a licensed surveyor or civil engineer as determined by the Planning Office.