

46 [EXPLANATION: This amendment restricts changes to grade (elevation or topography)
47 at and near property lines as an appropriate means to maintain the character of
48 neighborhoods and address stormwater runoff issues. Problems occur when building
49 construction on an adjacent lot results in increased or re-directed stormwater runoff.
50 New construction may cause problems when the site is filled above the elevation of a
51 neighbor's lot, when a retaining wall is built along a property line, when backfill around a
52 new foundation changes overland stormwater runoff, etc., causing damage to a
53 neighbor's property, basement or other structures. This is most problematic on existing,
54 substandard, narrow lots around lakes or along rivers here in Dane County. Companion
55 ordinance amendments to Chapters 10–Zoning, and 14–Erosion Control and
56 Stormwater Management are proposed to ensure consistency of administration and
57 enforcement, as a cooperative effort of the Zoning Division of the Department of
58 Planning and Development and the Land Conservation Division of the Department of
59 Land and Water Resources.]

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