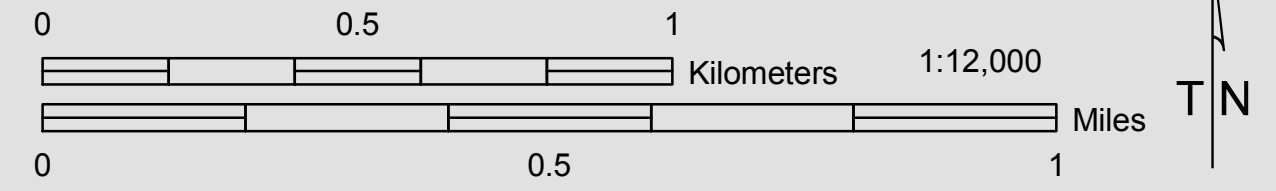


Mercer Island Wind Exposure and Wind Speed-Up (Topographic Effect)

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WIND EXPOSURE CATEGORIES & WIND SPEED-UP FACTORS (ICC Section 1609 & ASCE 7-05 Chapter 6)

It is the responsibility of the Owner (or their Design Professional) to review site conditions and determine the K_{zt} factor to be utilized for each specific project. The K_{zt} factors and wind exposure categories indicated on this map are the minimum values accepted by the City of Mercer Island without requiring the design professional to submit additional calculations and supporting topographic documentation (to verify the values utilized in their wind load determination).

Please note – The K_{zt} values indicated on this map are approximations based upon periodic calculations of representative samplings around Mercer Island. These values are intended for City of Mercer Island's plan review purposes only.

WIND EXPOSURE CATEGORIES:

Wind Exposure Category		Exposure 'C' (1500 feet from Lake)
		Exposure 'B' (all other areas)

WIND SPEED-UP (TOPOGRAPHIC EFFECT) - K_{zt} Factor :

K_{zt} Factor		$K_{zt} = 1.0$
		$K_{zt} = 1.3$
		$K_{zt} = 1.6$
		$K_{zt} = 1.9$

GENERAL NOTES FOR WIND EXPOSURE AND WIND SPEED-UP MAP

This map is the Wind Exposure Category and Wind Speed-up (Topographic Effects) Map for the City of Mercer Island. This map shows the minimum wind exposure category and the minimum wind speed-up, " K_{zt} " factor, which will be accepted without site specific documentation and calculation.

Other wind speed phenomena may occur on Mercer Island that is not specifically identified on this map. It is the responsibility of the Owner (or their Design Professional) to review site conditions and determine the appropriate design wind speed and exposure category for their specific project and location.

This map is for the sole use of the staff of the City of Mercer Island's Development Services Group (DSG) for the purposes of permit application evaluation. This map provides DSG staff a general assessment of Wind Exposure Category and Wind Speed-up (Topographic Effects). All areas have not been specifically evaluated and there may be locations that are not correctly represented on this map. It is the responsibility of individual property owners and map users to evaluate risk associated with their proposed development. No site-specific assessment of risk is implied or otherwise indicated by the City of Mercer Island with this map.

Information about data used for the map, references, and data limitation are all described the associated "Read Me" document. The digital version of this map is accompanied by a meta data file containing pertinent information about map construction. This data map is available on the City of Mercer Island website.

The City of Mercer Island is using guidance provided within ICC Section 1609 & ASCE 7-05 Chapter 6 regarding definitions used when creating this map.

DEFINITIONS:

K_{zt} factor: The topographic effect of wind speed-up at isolated hills, ridges, and escarpments constituting abrupt changes in the general topography, located in any exposure category, that meet all of the conditions noted in ASCE 7-05 Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures, Section 6.5.7.

Exposure B: The wind exposure category that applies where the site in question is located a minimum of 1500 feet from the shoreline and the mean roof height is less than or equal to 30 feet per IBC 2006 section 1609.4.3.

Exposure C: The wind exposure category that applies where the site in question is located within 1500 feet from the shoreline per IBC 2006 section 1609.4.3.

Wind Speed: Minimum 85 mph 3-second gust per IRC Figure R301.2(4)

