Contra Costa County Code building regulation states:

74-4.002 (a)(2) Work exempt from permit. CBC Section 105.2, work exempt from permit, is amended to read:

“4. Retaining walls which are not over 3 feet in height measured from the top of the footing to top of the wall and that have a downward ground slope at the bottom of the retaining wall not exceeding 1 (vertical): 10 (horizontal), unless supporting a surcharge or ground slope exceeding 1:2 or impounding class I, II, or III-a liquids.” (Ord. 99-1 § 6)
GUIDELINES FOR: TERRACED RETAINING WALLS EXEMPT FROM PERMITS

• Maximum number of retaining walls is unlimited.

• See Contra Costa County Ordinance 74-2.002 for additional information.

PLEASE NOTE: A retaining wall on fill, will require a grading permit: See When is a Grading Permit Required.