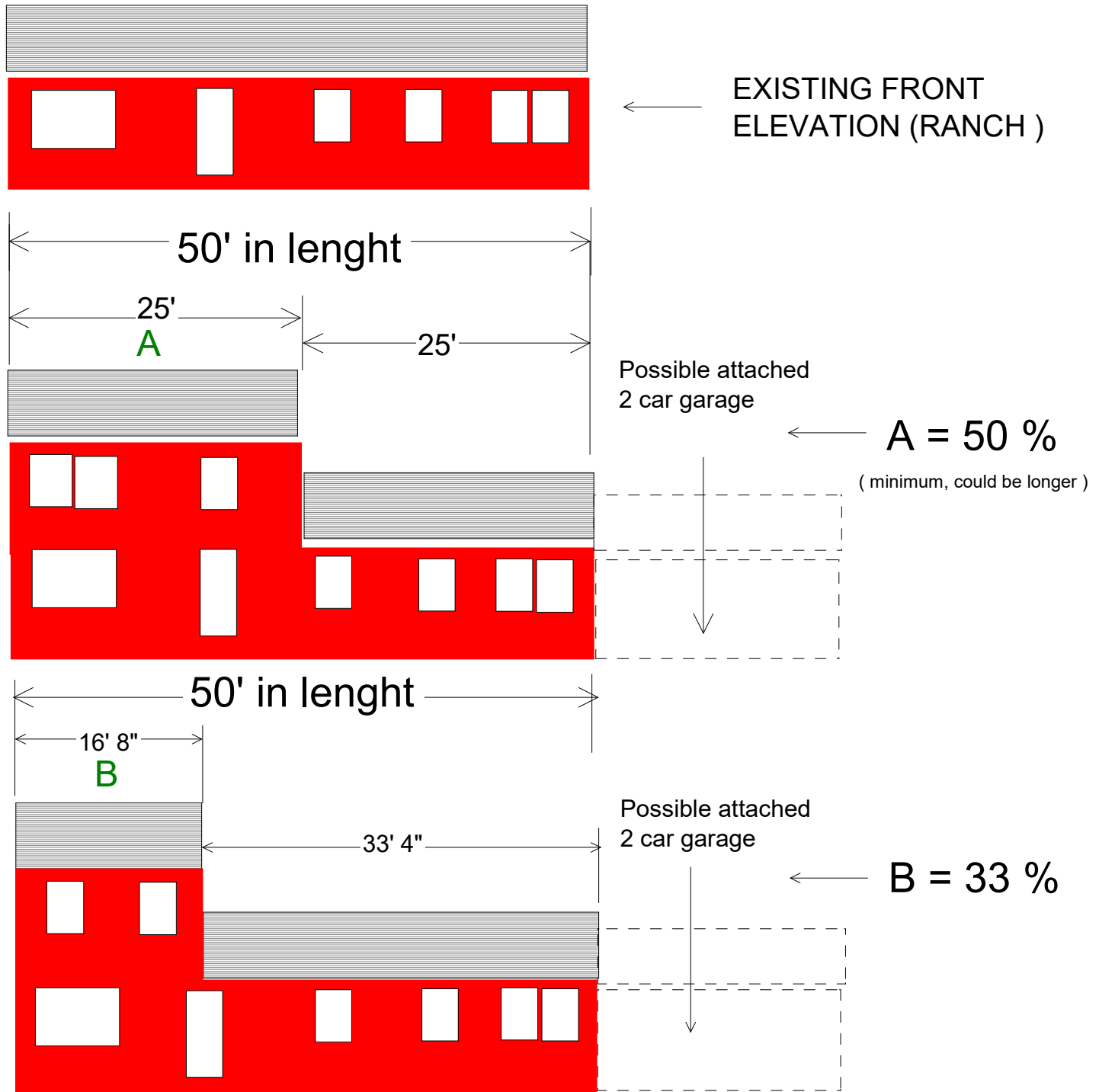


Convert Ranch into a Split-Level Ranch, " Do's & Don'ts "



When converting 1 style house to another style house, in this case, ranch into a split level ranch, your objective (architectural-wise) is to make the finish appearance always look like this house was never converted..Usually the proposed upper level should be at least 50 % in length of the existing length of ranch, Any % less would look unusual, thus non-appealing. See examples above (A = appealing B = Non appealing)

Ranch houses vary in length (40' to 70'), some times less and even more when you have an attached garage. opposed to a detached garage. Also , ranch houses are usually 24' deep (front to back) , sometimes 26' deep. Using a 24' depth , example A (25' x 24') is 600 total sq ft and example B (16' 8" x 24') is 400 total sq ft Thus when needing extra living area when owning a ranch style home, deciding to built upward would depend on the amount and types of rooms you need translating to the total needed square footage. If your needed square footage doesn't come close to 50% of the length of your house then I would suggest, if possible, build an ground level addition or need to make the proposed upper level longer.