

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES,  
THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF  
THE STATE OF OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM FOR	)	FINAL ORDER A
COMPENSATION UNDER ORS 197.352	)	CLAIM NO. M129989
(BALLOT MEASURE 37) OF	)	
F.W. Helmig, CLAIMANT	)	

Claimant: F.W. Helmig (the Claimant)

Property: Township 4S, Range 1E, Section 28, Tax lot 1300  
Township 4S, Range 1E, Section 33, Tax lot 200  
Clackamas County (the Property)

Claim: The demand for compensation and any supporting information received from the Claimant by the State of Oregon (the Claim).

Claimant submitted the Claim to the State of Oregon under ORS 197.352. Under OAR 125-145-0010 *et seq.*, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) referred the Claim to the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) as the regulating entity. This order is based on the record herein, including the Findings and Conclusions set forth in the Final Staff Report and Recommendation of DLCD (the DLCD Report) attached to and by this reference incorporated into this order.

ORDER

The Claim is approved as to laws administered by DLCD and the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) for the reasons set forth in the DLCD Report, and subject to the following terms:

1. In lieu of compensation under ORS 197.352, the State of Oregon will not apply the following laws to F.W. Helmig's division of the 106.17-acre subject property into one-acre parcels or to his development of a dwelling on each parcel: applicable provisions of Goals 3 and 14, ORS 215 and OAR 660, division 33. These land use regulations will not apply to the F.W. Helmig only to the extent necessary to allow him to use the subject property for the use described in this report, and only to the extent that use was permitted when he acquired the property on February 10, 1965.
2. The action by the State of Oregon provides the state's authorization to F.W. Helmig to use the subject property for the use described in this report, subject to the standards in effect on February 10, 1965.
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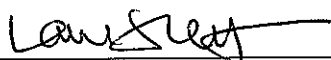
or other form of authorization or consent, the order will not authorize the use of the property unless F.W. Helmig first obtains that permit, license or other form of authorization or consent. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to: a building permit, a land use decision, a "permit" as defined in ORS 215.402 or 227.160, other permits or authorizations from local, state or federal agencies and restrictions on the use of the subject property imposed by private parties.

4. Any use of the subject property by F.W. Helmig under the terms of the order will remain subject to the following laws: (a) those laws not specified in (1) above; (b) any laws enacted or enforced by a public entity other than the Commission or the department; and (c) those laws not subject to ORS 197.352 including, without limitation, those laws exempted under ORS 197.352(3).


5. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing terms and conditions, in order for F.W. Helmig to use the subject property, it may be necessary for him to obtain a decision under ORS 197.352 from a city and/or county and/or metropolitan service district that enforces land use regulations applicable to the property. Nothing in this order relieves F.W. Helmig from the necessity of obtaining a decision under ORS 197.352 from a local public entity that has jurisdiction to enforce a land use regulation applicable to his use of the subject property.

This Order is entered by the Director of the DLCD as a final order of DLCD and the Land Conservation and Development Commission under ORS 197.352, OAR 660-002-0010(8), and OAR 125, division 145, and by the Administrator for the State Services Division of the DAS as a final order of DAS under ORS 197.352, OAR 125, division 145, and ORS 293.

FOR DLCD AND THE LAND  
CONSERVATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

  
Lane Shetterly, Director  
DLCD  
Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2007.

FOR the DEPARTMENT OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

  
David Hartwig, Administrator  
DAS, State Services Division  
Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2007.

## **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL OR OTHER JUDICIAL RELIEF**

You are entitled, or may be entitled, to judicial remedies including the following:

1. Judicial review under ORS 183.484: Judicial review under ORS 183.484 may be obtained by filing a petition for review within 60 days from the service of this order. A petition for judicial review under ORS 183.484 may be filed in the Circuit Court for Marion County or the Circuit Court in the county in which you reside.
2. A cause of action under ORS 197.352 (Measure 37 (2004)): If a land use regulation continues to apply to the subject property more than 180 days after the present owner of the property has made written demand for compensation under ORS 197.352, the present owner of the property, or any interest therein, shall have a cause of action in the circuit court in which the real property is located.

(Copies of the documents that comprise the record are available for review at the Department's office at 635 Capitol Street NE, Suite 150, Salem, Oregon 97301-2540)

### **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The Oregon Department of Justice has advised the Department of Land Conservation and Development that “[i]f the current owner of the real property conveys the property before the new use allowed by the public entity is established, then the entitlement to relief will be lost.”

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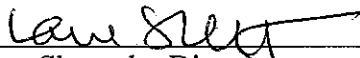
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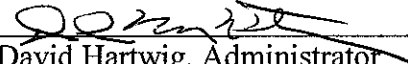
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**ORS 197.352 (BALLOT MEASURE 37) CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION**  
**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT**  
**Final Staff Report and Recommendation**

March 1, 2007

**STATE CLAIM NUMBER:** M129989

**NAMES OF CLAIMANTS:** Lea and F.W. Helmig

**MAILING ADDRESS:** PO Box 576  
Molalla, Oregon 97038

**PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION:** Township 4S, Range 1E  
Section 28: tax lot 1300  
Section 33: tax lot 200  
Clackamas County

**OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION:** Don Bowerman  
PO Box 100  
Oregon City, Oregon 97045

**DATE RECEIVED BY DAS:** September 6, 2006

**180-DAY DEADLINE:** March 5, 2007

**I. SUMMARY OF CLAIM**

The claimants, Lea and F.W. Helmig, seek compensation in the amount of \$18,110,422 for the reduction in fair market value as a result of land use regulations that are alleged to restrict the use of certain private real property. The claimants desire compensation or the right to divide the 106.17-acre subject property into one-acre parcels and to develop a dwelling on each parcel.<sup>1</sup> The subject property is located at 8566 South Heinz Road, near Canby, in Clackamas County. (See claim.)

**II. SUMMARY OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the findings and conclusions set forth below, the Department of Land Conservation and Development (the department) has determined that the claim is valid in part. Department staff recommends that, in lieu of compensation, the requirements of the following state laws enforced by the Land Conservation and Development Commission (the Commission) or the department not apply to F.W. Helmig's division of the 106.17-acre subject property into one-acre parcels and to his development of a dwelling on each parcel: applicable provisions of Statewide

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<sup>1</sup> The subject property includes two tax lots. Tax lot 200 consists of 77.72 acres, and tax lot 1300 consists of 28.45 acres.

Planning Goals 3 (Agricultural Lands) and 14 (Urbanization), ORS 215 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 660, division 33. These laws will not apply to F.W. Helmig only to the extent necessary to allow him to use the subject property for the use described in this report, and only to the extent that use was permitted when he acquired the property on February 10, 1965.<sup>2</sup>

The department has further determined that this claim is not valid as to Lea Helmig because she is no longer an owner of the subject property. (See the complete recommendation in Section VI. of this report.)

### **III. COMMENTS ON THE CLAIM**

#### **Comments Received**

On December 7, 2006, pursuant to OAR 125-145-0080, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) provided written notice to the owners of surrounding properties. According to DAS, two written comments were received in response to the 10-day notice.

The comments are relevant to whether the laws that are the basis for the claim are exempt under ORS 197.352(3). The comments have been considered by the department in preparing this report. (See the comment letters in the department's claim file.)

### **IV. TIMELINESS OF CLAIM**

#### **Requirement**

ORS 197.352(5) requires that a written demand for compensation be made:

1. For claims arising from land use regulations enacted prior to the effective date of Measure 37 (December 2, 2004), within two years of that effective date, or the date the public entity applies the land use regulation as an approval criteria to an application submitted by the owner, whichever is later; or
2. For claims arising from land use regulations enacted after the effective date of Measure 37 (December 2, 2004), within two years of the enactment of the land use regulation, or the date the owner of the property submits a land use application in which the land use regulation is an approval criteria, whichever is later.

#### **Findings of Fact**

This claim was submitted to DAS on September 6, 2006, for processing under OAR 125, division 145. The claim identifies "all zoning and regulations restricting use of development subsequent to the date of acquisition" including but not limited to Clackamas County's General

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<sup>2</sup> On December 1, 2006, the department received a request to amend this claim to add a claimant. The department cannot substantively amend a claim at this stage. If the claimants desire to submit a new claim with a different set of claimants than set forth in their original claim, they may file a new demand for compensation in accordance with the requirements of ORS 197.352.

Use (GU) and Transitional Timber (TT-20) zones; Senate Bill 100; House Bill 3661; ORS 215; and OAR 660 as the basis for the claim. Only laws that were enacted or adopted prior to December 2, 2004, are the basis for this claim.

### **Conclusions**

The claim has been submitted within two years of the effective date of Measure 37 (December 2, 2004), based on land use regulations enacted or adopted prior to December 2, 2004, and is therefore timely filed.

## **V. ANALYSIS OF CLAIM**

### **1. Ownership**

ORS 197.352 provides for payment of compensation or relief from specific laws for “owners” as that term is defined in ORS 197.352. ORS 197.352(11)(C) defines “owner” as “the present owner of the property, or any interest therein.”

### **Findings of Fact**

The claimants, Lea and F.W. Helmig, acquired the subject property on February 10, 1965, as reflected by a warranty deed included with the claim. On July 2, 1991, each claimant transferred an undivided one-half interest in the subject property to revocable trusts, the Lea Helmig Trust and the F.W. Helmig Trust, with themselves as trustees, as reflected by bargain and sale deeds included with the claim.<sup>3</sup> Lea Helmig passed away on September 22, 2006, according to an obituary published in *The Oregonian* on September 25, 2006. Lea Helmig’s ownership interest in the subject property terminated upon her death. The Clackamas County Assessor’s Office confirms F.W. Helmig’s current ownership of the subject property.

### **Conclusions**

Claimant F.W. Helmig is an “owner” of the subject property as that term is defined by ORS 197.352(11)(C), as of February 10, 1965. Claimant Lea Helmig is no longer an owner of the subject property.

### **2. The Laws That are the Basis for This Claim**

In order to establish a valid claim, ORS 197.352(1) requires, in part, that a law must restrict the claimants’ use of private real property in a manner that reduces the fair market value of the property relative to how the property could have been used at the time the claimants or a family member acquired the property.

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<sup>3</sup> Transfer of property to a revocable trust does not result in a change in ownership for purposes of ORS 197.352.

## **Findings of Fact**

The claim indicates that the claimants desire to divide the 106.17-acre subject property into one-acre parcels and to develop a dwelling on each resulting parcel, and the use is not allowed under current land use regulations.<sup>4</sup>

The claim is based generally on the applicable provisions of state law that require Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) zoning and restrict uses on EFU-zoned land. The subject property is zoned EFU by Clackamas County as required by Goal 3, in accordance with ORS 215 and OAR 660, division 33, because the property is "agricultural land" as defined by Goal 3.<sup>5</sup> Goal 3 became effective on January 25, 1975, and required that agricultural lands as defined by Goal 3 be zoned EFU pursuant to ORS 215.

Current land use regulations, particularly ORS 215.263, 215.284 and 215.780 and OAR 660, division 33, enacted or adopted pursuant to Goal 3, prohibit the division of EFU-zoned land into parcels less than 80 acres and establish standards for development of dwellings on existing or proposed parcels on that land.

ORS 215.780 establishes an 80-acre minimum size for the creation of new lots or parcels in EFU zones and became effective on November 4, 1993 (Chapter 792, Oregon Laws 1993). ORS 215.263 (2005 edition) establishes standards for the creation of new parcels for non-farm uses and dwellings allowed in an EFU zone.

OAR 660-033-0135 (applicable to farm dwellings) became effective on March 1, 1994, and interprets the statutory standard for a primary dwelling in an EFU zone under ORS 215.283(1)(f). OAR 660-033-0130(4) (applicable to non-farm dwellings) became effective on August 7, 1993, and was amended to comply with ORS 215.284(4) on March 1, 1994. The Commission subsequently adopted amendments to comply with House Bill 3326 (Chapter 704, Oregon Laws 2001, effective on January 1, 2002), which were effective on May 22, 2002. (See administrative rule history for OAR 660-033-0100, -0130 and -0135.)

Goal 14, which became effective on January 25, 1975, would likely apply to the division of the subject property into parcels less than two acres. Goal 14 generally requires that land outside of urban growth boundaries be used for rural uses.

The claimants acquired the subject property on February 10, 1965, prior to the adoption of the statewide planning goals and their implementing statutes and regulations.

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<sup>4</sup> The claim summarily cites numerous state land use laws as applicable to this claim, but does not establish how the laws either apply to the claimants' desired use of the subject property or restrict its use with the effect of reducing its fair market value. On their face, most of the regulations either do not apply to the subject property or do not restrict the use of the subject property with the effect of reducing its fair market value. This report addresses only those regulations that the department finds are applicable to and restrict the claimants' use of the subject property, based on the claimants' description of the desired use.

<sup>5</sup> The subject property is "agricultural land" because it contains Natural Resources Conservation Service Class I-IV soils.

## **Conclusions**

The current zoning requirements, minimum lot size and dwelling standards established by applicable provisions of Goals 3 and 14, ORS 215 and OAR 660, division 33, were all enacted or adopted after F.W. Helmig acquired the subject property in 1965 and do not allow the desired division or residential development of the property. These laws restrict the use of the subject property relative to the uses allowed when F.W. Helmig acquired the property.

As explained in Section V.(1), Lea Helmig does not have an ownership interest in the subject property under ORS 197.352(11)(C). Therefore, no laws enforced by the Commission or the department restrict her use of private real property with the effect of reducing the fair market value of the property.

This report addresses only those state laws that are identified in the claim, or that the department is certain apply to the subject property based on the use that the claimants have identified. There may be other laws that currently apply to F.W. Helmig's use of the subject property, and that may continue to apply to his use of the property, that have not been identified in the claim. In some cases, it will not be possible to know which laws apply to a use of the subject property until there is a specific proposal for that use. When F.W. Helmig seeks a building or development permit to carry out a specific use, it may become evident that other state laws apply to that use.

### **3. Effect of Regulations on Fair Market Value**

In order to establish a valid claim, ORS 197.352(1) requires that the land use regulations (described in Section V.(2) of this report) must have "the effect of reducing the fair market value of the property, or any interest therein."

## **Findings of Fact**

The claim includes an estimate of \$18,110,422 as the reduction in the subject property's fair market value due to the regulations that restrict the claimants' desired use of the property. This amount is based on the claimants' assessment of the subject property's value.

## **Conclusions**

As explained in Section V.(1) of this report, the claimants are Lea and F.W. Helmig who acquired the subject property on February 10, 1965. As explained in Section V.(1) of this report, Lea Helmig is no longer an owner of the subject property under ORS 197.352(11)(C). Therefore, no laws restrict her use of the subject property with the effect of reducing the fair market value of the property. Under ORS 197.352, F.W. Helmig is due compensation for land use regulations that restrict the use of the subject property and have the effect of reducing its fair market value. Based on the findings and conclusions in Section V.(2) of this report, laws enacted or adopted since F.W. Helmig acquired the subject property restrict his desired use of the property. The claimants estimate that the effect of the regulations on the fair market value of the property is a reduction of \$18,110,422.

Without an appraisal or other documentation, it is not possible to substantiate the specific dollar amount by which the land use regulations have reduced the fair market value of the subject

property. Nevertheless, based on the evidence in the record for this claim, the department determines that the fair market value of the subject property has been reduced to some extent as a result of land use regulations enforced by the Commission or the department.

#### **4. Exemptions Under ORS 197.352(3)**

ORS 197.352 does not apply to certain land use regulations. In addition, under ORS 197.352(3), certain types of laws are exempt from ORS 197.352.

#### **Findings of Fact**

The claim is based on state land use regulations that restrict the use of the subject property, including applicable provisions of Goals 3 and 14, ORS 215 and OAR 660, division 33, which Clackamas County has implemented through its current EFU zone. All of these land use regulations were enacted or adopted after F.W. Helmig acquired the subject property.

#### **Conclusions**

Without a specific development proposal for the subject property, it is not possible for the department to determine all the laws that may apply to a particular use of the property, or whether those laws may fall under one or more of the exemptions under ORS 197.352. It appears that none of the general statutory, goal and rule restrictions on division and development of the subject property were in effect when F.W. Helmig acquired it in 1965. As a result, these laws are not exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(E).

As explained in Section V.(1) of this report, Lea Helmig does not have an ownership interest of the subject property under ORS 197.352(11)(C). Therefore, the issue of whether any laws are exempt from ORS 197.352 is not relevant.

Laws in effect when F.W. Helmig acquired the subject property are exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(E) and will continue to apply to his use of the property. There may be other laws that continue to apply to F.W. Helmig's use of the subject property that have not been identified in the claim. In some cases, it will not be possible to know which laws apply to a use of the subject property until there is a specific proposal for that use. When F.W. Helmig seeks a building or development permit to carry out a specific use, it may become evident that other state laws apply to that use. In some cases, some of these laws may be exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(A) to (D).

This report addresses only those state laws that are identified in the claim, or that the department is certain apply to the subject property based on the use that the claimants have identified. Similarly, this report only addresses the exemptions provided for under ORS 197.352(3) that are clearly applicable, given the information provided to the department in the claim. Claimant F.W. Helmig should be aware that the less information provided to the department in the claim, the greater the possibility that there may be additional laws that will later be determined to continue to apply to his use of the subject property.

## VI. FORM OF RELIEF

ORS 197.352(1) provides for payment of compensation to an owner of private real property if the Commission or the department has enforced laws that restrict the use of the subject property in a manner that reduces its fair market value. In lieu of compensation, the department may choose to not apply the law in order to allow the present owner to carry out a use of the subject property permitted at the time the present owner acquired the property. The Commission, by rule, has directed that if the department determines a claim is valid, the Director of the department must provide only non-monetary relief unless and until funds are appropriated by the legislature to pay claims.

### **Findings of Fact**

Based on the record, the department finds that the claim is not valid as to Lea Helmig because she is not an owner of the subject property. The department further finds laws enforced by the Commission or the department restrict F.W. Helmig's desired use of the subject property. The claim asserts that existing state land use regulations enforced by the Commission or the department have the effect of reducing the fair market value of the subject property by \$18,110,422. However, because the claim does not provide an appraisal or other relevant evidence demonstrating that the land use regulations described in Section V.(2) reduce the fair market value of the subject property, a specific amount of compensation cannot be determined. In order to determine a specific amount of compensation due for this claim, it would also be necessary to verify whether or the extent to which F.W. Helmig's desired use of the subject property was allowed under the standards in effect when he acquired the property. Nevertheless, based on the record for this claim, the department has determined that the laws on which the claim is based have reduced the fair market value of the subject property to some extent.

No funds have been appropriated at this time for the payment of claims. In lieu of payment of compensation, ORS 197.352 authorizes the department to modify, remove or not apply all or parts of certain land use regulations to allow F.W. Helmig to use the subject property for a use permitted at the time he acquired the property on February 10, 1965.

### **Conclusions**

Based on the record before the department, Lea Helmig is not entitled to relief under ORS 197.352(1) as a result of land use regulations enforced by the Commission or the department because she is no longer an owner of the subject property. Therefore, the department recommends that the claim as to Lea Helmig be denied. The department further recommends that F.W. Helmig's claim be approved, subject to the following terms:

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3. To the extent that any law, order, deed, agreement or other legally enforceable public or private requirement provides that the subject property may not be used without a permit, license or other form of authorization or consent, the order will not authorize the use of the property unless F.W. Helmig first obtains that permit, license or other form of authorization or consent. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to: a building permit, a land use decision, a "permit" as defined in ORS 215.402 or 227.160, other permits or authorizations from local, state or federal agencies and restrictions on the use of the subject property imposed by private parties.

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## **VII. COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT STAFF REPORT**

The department issued its draft staff report on this claim on February 6, 2007. OAR 125-145 0100(3), provided an opportunity for the claimants or the claimants' authorized agent and any third parties who submitted comments under OAR 125-145-0080 to submit written comments, evidence and information in response to the draft staff report and recommendation.