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April 25, 2007

To: Interested Persons

From: Lane Shetterly, Director



Re: Ballot Measure 37 (ORS 197.352) Claim Number M130518

Claimants: George Dimick and Michael Cook

Enclosed, in regard to the above-referenced claim for compensation under Ballot Measure 37 (ORS 197.352), is the Final Staff Report and Recommendation of the Department of Land Conservation and Development, and the Final Order.

This Final Staff Report and Recommendation and the Final Order constitute the final decision on this claim. No further action will be taken on this matter.

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. M130518
(BALLOT MEASURE 37) OF)	
George Dimick, CLAIMANT)	

Claimant: George Dimick (the Claimant)

Property: Township 11S, Range 13E, Section 13BC, Tax lot 1400, Jefferson 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 George Dimick's division of the 3.84-acre subject property into seven 0.51-acre parcels for his residential development: applicable provisions of Goal 14 and OAR 660-004-0040. These land use regulations will not apply to George Dimick 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 December 12, 1948.
2. The action by the State of Oregon provides the state's authorization to George Dimick to use the subject property for the use described in this report, subject to the standards in effect on December 12, 1948.
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 George Dimick 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

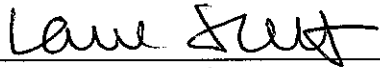
“permit” as defined in ORS 215.402 or 227.160, other permits or authorizations from local, state or federal agencies and restrictions on the use of the subject property imposed by private parties.

4. Any use of the subject property by George Dimick 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 George Dimick 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 George Dimick 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 25th day of April, 2007.

FOR the DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:


David Hartwig, Administrator
DAS, State Services Division
Dated this 25th day of April, 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.”

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES,
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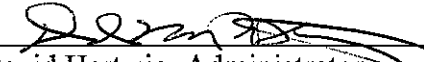
The Claim is denied as to laws administered by DLCD and the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) for the reasons set forth in the DLCD Report.

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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**

April 25, 2007

STATE CLAIM NUMBER: M130518

NAMES OF CLAIMANTS: George Dimick
Michael Cook

MAILING ADDRESSES: George Dimick
161 SE Dimick Lane
Madras, Oregon 97741

Michael Cook
19357 South Sylvan Avenue
Estacada, Oregon 97023

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION: Township 11S, Range 13E, Section 13BC
Tax lot 1400
Jefferson County

OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION: Betty Cook
161 SE Dimick Lane
Madras, Oregon 97741

DATE RECEIVED BY DAS: November 1, 2006

180-DAY DEADLINE: April 30, 2007

I. SUMMARY OF CLAIM

The claimants, George Dimick and Michael Cook, seek compensation in the amount of \$350,000 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 3.84-acre subject property into seven 0.51-acre parcels for residential development. The subject property is located at 1497 South Adams Drive, near Madras, in Jefferson 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 George Dimick's division of the 3.84-acre subject property into seven 0.51-acre parcels for his residential development: applicable provisions of Statewide Planning Goal 14 (Urbanization) and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 660-004-0040. These land use regulations will not apply to George Dimick 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 December 12, 1948.

The department has further determined that the claim is not valid as to Michael Cook because he is not an owner with a present right to use the subject property. (See the complete recommendation in Section VI. of this report.)

III. COMMENTS ON THE CLAIM

Comments Received

On March 16, 2007, 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, no written comments were received in response to the 10-day notice.

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 November 1, 2006, for processing under OAR 125, division 145. The claim identifies Jefferson County's zoning 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

Claimant George Dimick acquired the subject property on December 28, 1948, as reflected by a warranty deed included with the claim. Claimant George Dimick conveyed an interest in the subject property to claimant Michael Cook, on August 12, 2002, subject to a life estate in favor of George Dimick. That life estate reserved in George Dimick the exclusive right to use the property during his lifetime. Michael Cook’s future interest in the subject property does not provide him with any present right to use the property during the term of George Dimick’s life. The Jefferson County Assessor’s Office confirms George Dimick’s current ownership of the subject property, as the holder of a life estate.

Conclusions

The claimant, George Dimick, is an “owner” of the subject property as that term is defined by ORS 197.352(11)(C), as of December 28, 1948. Claimant Michael Cook is not an “owner” of the subject property as that term is defined by ORS 197.352(11)(C), because his future interest in the property does not provide him with a present right to use the 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.

Findings of Fact

The claim indicates that the claimants desire to divide the 3.84-acre subject property into seven 0.51-acre parcels for residential development, and that the current zoning prohibits the desired use.

The claim is based on the provisions of state law that regulate rural residential zoning. The claimants’ property is zoned RR-5 by Jefferson County. The RR-5 zone is consistent with Goal 14, which generally requires that land outside of urban growth boundaries be used for rural uses. Jefferson County’s RR-5 zone was adopted on February 19, 1997, and requires a minimum of five acres for the creation of a new lot or parcel. Jefferson County adopted a RR zone (with a two-acre minimum lot size) on March 11, 1981. Jefferson County changed the RR zoning to RR-2, RR-5 and RR-10 on February 19, 1997.

Goal 14 was effective on January 25, 1975, and requires that local comprehensive plans identify and separate urbanizable land from rural land in order to provide for an orderly and efficient transition from rural to urban land use. In 2000, as a result of a 1986 Oregon Supreme Court decision,¹ the Commission amended Goal 14 and adopted OAR 660-004-0040 (Application of Goal 14 to Rural Residential Areas), which was effective on October 4, 2000.

The rule states that if a county rural residential zone in effect on October 4, 2000, specifies a minimum lot size of two acres or more, the area of any new lot or parcel shall equal or exceed the minimum lot size that is already in effect (OAR 660-004-0040(7)(c)). Some relief from this provision is available for lots or parcels having more than one permanent habitable dwelling pursuant to OAR 660-004-0040(7)(h). The rule also provides that a county's minimum lot size requirement in a rural residential zone shall not be amended to allow a smaller minimum lot size without approval of an exception to Goal 14 (OAR 660-004-0040(6)). Because Jefferson County's rural residential zone was in effect on October 4, 2000, and requires a minimum lot size of five acres, the minimum lot size for any new lot or parcel must equal or exceed five acres.

Claimant George Dimick acquired the subject property on December 12, 1948, prior to the adoption of the statewide planning goals and their implementing statutes and rules.

Conclusions

The minimum lot size requirements for rural residential lots or parcels established by Goal 14 and OAR 660-004-0040 were adopted since George Dimick acquired the subject property in 1948 and do not allow the desired division of the property. These regulations restrict the use of the subject property relative to uses permitted when George Dimick acquired it.

As explained in Section V.(1) of this report, Michael Cook is not a present owner of the subject property, as that term is defined in ORS 197.352(11)(C), because his future ownership interest in the property provides him no present right to use the subject property, a right which can be restricted by land use regulations. Therefore, no laws enforced by the Commission or the department restrict Michael Cook's 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 uses that the claimants have identified. There may be other laws that currently apply to George Dimick's use of the subject property, and that may continue to apply to George Dimick's 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 George Dimick seeks a building or development permit to carry out a specific use, it may become evident that other state laws apply to that use.

¹ *1000 Friends of Oregon v. LCDC (Curry County)*, 301 Or 447 (1986).

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 \$350,000 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 a real estate broker’s assessment, included with the claim.

Conclusions

As explained in Section V.(1) of this report, the claimants are George Dimick, who acquired the subject property on December 28, 1948, and Michael Cook. As explained in Section V.(1) of this report, Michael Cook is not a present “owner” of the subject property as that term is defined in ORS 197.352(11)(C) because his future interest does not provide him a present right to use the subject property, a right which can be restricted by land use regulations. Under ORS 197.352, George Dimick 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 after George Dimick acquired the subject property restrict George Dimick’s desired use of the property. The claimants estimate that the effect of the regulations on the fair market value of the subject property is a reduction of \$350,000.

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 Goal 14 and OAR 660-004-0040, which Jefferson County has implemented through its RR-5 zone. Both of these land use regulations were adopted after George Dimick 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 goal and rule restrictions on division of rural residential land were in effect when George Dimick acquired the subject property in 1948. As a result, these laws are not exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(E).

Laws in effect when George Dimick 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 George Dimick'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 property until there is a specific proposal for that use. When George Dimick 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).

As explained in Section V.(1) of this report, Michael Cook is not a present "owner" of the subject property as that term is defined in ORS 197.352(11)(C). Therefore, the issue of whether any laws are exempt from ORS 197.352 is not relevant to him.

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 uses 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. The claimants should be aware that the less information they have provided to the department in their claim, the greater the possibility that there may be additional laws that will later be determined to continue to apply to George Dimick's 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 one or more laws that restrict the use of the 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 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 findings and conclusions set forth in this report, laws enforced by the Commission or the department do not restrict Michael Cook's use of the subject property because he is not an owner with a present right to use the property. The department further finds that laws enforced by the Commission or the department restrict George Dimick'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 \$350,000. 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 George Dimick's desired use of the 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 since George Dimick acquired the property.

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 George Dimick to use the subject property for a use permitted at the time he acquired the property on December 12, 1948.

Conclusions

Based on the record and the foregoing findings and conclusions, Michael Cook 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 he is not an owner with a present right to use the subject property, a right which can be restricted by land use regulations. Therefore, the department recommends that the claim be denied as to Michael Cook.

The department further recommends that the claim be approved as to George Dimick, 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 George Dimick's division of the 3.84-acre subject property into seven 0.51-acre parcels for his residential development: applicable provisions of Goal 14 and OAR 660-004-0040. These land use regulations will not apply to George Dimick 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 December 12, 1948.
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VII. COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT STAFF REPORT

The department issued its draft staff report on this claim on April 4, 2007. OAR 125-145 0100(3), provided an opportunity for the claimant or the claimant's 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.