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May 9, 2007



To: Interested Persons

From: Lane Shetterly, Director

Re: Ballot Measure 37 (ORS 197.352) Claim Number M130687

Claimants: Billy and Jeffrey Magar

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. M130687
(BALLOT MEASURE 37) OF)
Jeffrey Magar, CLAIMANT)

Claimant: Jeffrey Magar (the Claimant)

Property: Township 3S, Range 2W, Section 10¹, Tax lot 2401, Yamhill 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 Jeffrey Magar's division of the 11.16-acre subject property into five 2-acre parcels and to his development of a dwelling on each resulting undeveloped parcel: applicable provisions of Goal 3, ORS 215 and OAR 660, division 33, enacted or adopted after November 2, 2002. These laws will not apply to Jeffrey Magar 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 November 2, 2002. The department acknowledges that the relief to which the Jeffrey Magar is entitled under ORS 197.352 will not allow him to use the subject property in the manner set forth in the claim.
2. The action by the State of Oregon provides the state's authorization to Jeffrey Magar to use the subject property for the use described in this report, subject to the standards in effect on November 2, 2002. At that time, the property was subject to applicable provisions of Goal 3, ORS 215 and OAR 660, division 33, currently in effect.

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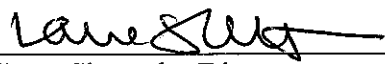
3. To the extent that any law, order, deed, agreement or other legally enforceable public or private requirement provides that the subject property may not be used without a permit, license or other form of authorization or consent, the order will not authorize the use of the property unless Jeffrey Magar 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 Jeffrey Magar 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 Jeffrey Magar 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 Jeffrey Magar 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 9th day of May, 2007.

FOR the DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:



David Hartwig, Administrator
DAS, State Services Division
Dated this 9th day of May, 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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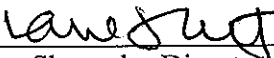
ORDER

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

May 9, 2007

STATE CLAIM NUMBER: M130687

NAMES OF CLAIMANTS: Billy and Jeffrey Magar

MAILING ADDRESSES: Billy Magar
14800 NE Quarry Road
Newberg, Oregon 97132

Jeffrey Magar
9709 SW 59th Street
Portland, Oregon 97148

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION: Township 3S, Range 2W, Section 10¹
Tax lot 2401
Yamhill County

DATE RECEIVED BY DAS: November 13, 2006

180-DAY DEADLINE: May 12, 2007

I. SUMMARY OF CLAIM

The claimants, Billy and Jeffrey Magar, seek compensation in the amount of \$1,325,000 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 11.16-acre subject property into five 2-acre parcels and to develop a dwelling on each resulting undeveloped parcel. The subject property is located at 14800 NE Quarry Road, near Newberg, in Yamhill 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 Jeffrey Magar's division of the 11.16-acre subject property into five 2-acre parcels and to his development of a dwelling on each resulting undeveloped parcel: applicable

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provisions of Statewide Planning Goal 3 (Agricultural Lands), ORS 215 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 660, division 33, enacted or adopted after November 2, 2002. These laws will not apply to Jeffrey Magar 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 November 2, 2002. The department acknowledges that the relief to which the Jeffrey Magar is entitled under ORS 197.352 will not allow him to use the subject property in the manner set forth in the claim.

The department has further determined that the claim is not valid as to Billy Magar because he is not an owner of the subject property. (See the complete recommendation in Section VI. of this report.)

III. COMMENTS ON THE CLAIM

Comments Received

On April 4, 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, one written comment was received in response to the 10-day notice.

The comment is relevant to whether one of the claimants is an owner and when one of the claimants became a present owner of the subject property. The comment has been considered by the department in preparing this report. (See the comment letter 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 November 13, 2006, for processing under OAR 125, division 145. The claim identifies Yamhill County zoning ordinance section 402 & 402.03(A) and EF-20 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 Billy Magar first acquired the subject property on November 8, 1963, as reflected by a contract included with the claim. On November 2, 2002, Billy Magar conveyed all of his interest in the subject property to his son, claimant Jeffrey Magar, as reflected by a warranty deed obtained by Yamhill County. The Yamhill County Assessor’s Office confirms Jeffrey Magar’s current ownership of the subject property. Billy Magar is no longer an owner of the subject property.

Conclusions

Claimant Jeffrey Magar is an “owner” of the subject property as that term is defined by ORS 197.352(11)(C), as of November 2, 2002. Billy Magar, Jeffrey Magar’s father, is a “family member” as defined by ORS 197.352(11)(A) and first acquired the subject property on November 8, 1963. However, Billy Magar is no longer an “owner” of the subject property as that term is defined by ORS 197.352(11)(C).

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 11.16-acre subject property into five 2-acre parcels and to develop a dwelling on each resulting undeveloped parcel, and that the current zoning prohibits the desired use.

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 EF-20 by Yamhill 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 3.² 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, generally prohibit the division of EFU-zoned land into parcels less than 80 acres and establish standards for the development of dwellings on existing or any proposed parcel on that land. Under ORS 215.780(2)(a), a county may adopt a lower minimum lot or parcel size, subject to acknowledgment by the Commission. The Commission has acknowledged Yamhill County’s EF 20 zone, which requires a minimum lot or parcel size of 20 acres. 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.)

Jeffrey Magar’s family first acquired the subject property in 1963, prior to the adoption of the statewide planning goals and their implementing statutes and rules. No county zoning applied to the subject property in 1963.

Conclusions

The current zoning requirements, minimum lot size and dwelling standards established by applicable provisions of Goal 3, ORS 215 and OAR 660, division 33, were all enacted or adopted after Jeffrey Magar’s family acquired the subject property. These laws restrict the use of the subject property relative to the uses allowed when Jeffrey Magar’s family acquired the property.

As explained in Section V.(1) of this report, Billy Magar is not an “owner” of the subject property as that term is defined in ORS 197.352(11)(C). Therefore, no laws enforced by the Commission or the department restrict Billy Magar’s private real property with the effect of reducing the fair market value of the subject property.

3. Effect of Regulations on Fair Market Value

In order to establish a valid claim, ORS 197.352(1) requires that the land use regulation(s) (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.”

² The subject property is “agricultural land” because it contains National Resources Conservation Service Class I-IV soils.

Findings of Fact

The claim includes an estimate of \$1,325,000 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 comparative market analysis, included in the claim.

Conclusions

As explained in Section V.(1) of this report, the claimants are Jeffrey Magar, whose family member acquired the subject property in 1963, and Billy Magar. As explained in Section V.(1) of this report, Billy Magar is not an "owner" of the subject property as that term is defined in ORS 197.352(11)(C). Therefore, no laws restrict his use of the subject property with the effect of reducing the fair market value of the subject property.

Under ORS 197.352, Jeffrey Magar is due compensation for land use regulations that restrict the use of the 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 Jeffrey Magar's family 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 subject property is a reduction of \$1,325,000.

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 since Jeffrey Magar's family acquired the property.

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 Goal 3, ORS 215 and OAR 660, division 33, which Yamhill County has implemented through its current EF 20 zone. All of these land use regulations were enacted or adopted after Jeffrey Magar's family acquired the subject property.

Conclusions

It appears that none of the general statutory, goal and rule restrictions on residential division and development of the subject property were in effect when Jeffrey Magar's family acquired the property on November 8, 1963. As a result, these laws are not exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(E). Laws in effect when Jeffrey Magar's family acquired the subject property are exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(E) and do not provide a basis for compensation. In addition,

other land use laws enacted or adopted for a purpose set forth in ORS 197.352(3)(A) to (D) are also exempt and would not provide a basis for compensation.

As explained in Section V.(1) of this report, Billy Magar is not an "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 as to him.

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 Billy Magar's desired use of the subject property because he is not an owner of the property. The department has further determined laws enforced by the Commission or the department restrict Jeffrey Magar'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 \$1,325,000. 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 Jeffrey Magar's desired use of the subject property was allowed under the standards in effect when his family 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 Jeffrey Magar to use the subject property for a use permitted at the time he acquired the property on November 2, 2002.

At the time Jeffrey Magar acquired an interest in the subject property, it was zoned EFU by Yamhill County and subject to the current lot size and dwelling standards under Goal 3, ORS 215 and OAR 660, division 33, and as described in Section V.(2) of this report.

In addition to the provisions of Goal 3, ORS 215 and OAR 660, division 33, in effect when Jeffrey Magar acquired the property, there may be other laws that continue to apply to his use of the property that have not been identified in the claim. 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 the claim, the greater the possibility that there may be additional laws that will later be determined to continue to apply to their use of the subject property.

Conclusions

Based on the record and the foregoing findings and conclusions, Billy Magar has not established that he is 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 of the subject property. Therefore, the department recommends that the claim be denied as to Billy Magar.

The department otherwise recommends that the claim be approved as to Jeffrey Magar, subject to the following terms:

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VII. COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT STAFF REPORT

The department issued its draft staff report on this claim on April 18, 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.