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October 31, 2007

To: Claimant and Interested Persons

From: Cora R. Parker, Acting Director



Re: Ballot Measure 37 (ORS 197.352) Claim Number M131131

Claimants: Neal, Alexandra and Susan Bell

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. M131131
(BALLOT MEASURE 37) OF)
Alexandra Bell, CLAIMANTS)

Claimant: Alexandra Bell (the Claimant)

Property: Township 9S, Range 1E, Section 34, Tax lot 101, Linn 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 Alexandra Bell's division of the 306.3-acre subject property into twenty-nine 10-acre parcels and one 12-acre parcel or to her development of a dwelling on each parcel: applicable provisions of Goal 3, ORS 215 and OAR 660, division 33, enacted or adopted after February 25, 1987. These land use regulations will not apply to Alexandra Bell only to the extent necessary to allow her to use the subject property for the use described in this report, and only to the extent that use was permitted when she acquired the property on February 25, 1987.
2. The action by the State of Oregon provides the state's authorization to Alexandra Bell to use the property for the use described in this report, subject to the standards in effect on February 25, 1987. On that date, the property was subject to compliance with Goal 3 and OAR 660, division 5, as implemented by Linn County's acknowledged EFU zone, and the applicable provisions ORS 215 then in effect.
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 Alexandra Bell 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 Alexandra Bell 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 Alexandra Bell to use the subject property, it may be necessary for her 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 Alexandra Bell 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 a use of the subject property by her.

6. Nothing in this report or the state's final order for this claim constitutes any determination of ownership by the State of Oregon as to submerged or submersible lands, or as to public rights to the use of waters of the state.

This Order is entered by the Acting 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 Manager for the Measure 37 Services Unit of the DAS as a final order of DAS under ORS 197.352, OAR 125, division 145, and ORS 293.

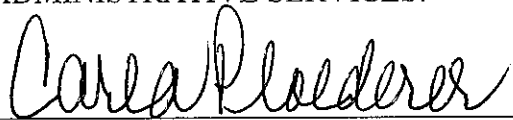
FOR DLCD AND THE LAND
CONSERVATION AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:



Cora R. Parker, Acting Director
DLCD

Dated this 31st day of October, 2007.

FOR the DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:



Carla Ploederer, Manager
DAS, Measure 37 Services Unit

Dated this 31st day of October, 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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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.

This Order is entered by the Acting 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 chapter 125, division 145, and by the Manager for the Measure 37 Services Unit of the DAS as a final order of DAS under ORS 197.352, OAR chapter 125, division 145, and ORS chapter 293.

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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**

October 31, 2007

STATE CLAIM NUMBER: M131131

NAMES OF CLAIMANTS: Neal, Alexandra and Susan Bell

MAILING ADDRESS: c/o Martha Sharp
520 SW Yamhill, Suite 600
Portland, Oregon 97204-3531

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION: Township 9S, Range 1E, Section 34
Tax lot 101
Linn County

DATE RECEIVED BY DAS: November 22, 2006

DEADLINE FOR FINAL ACTION:¹ May 15, 2008

I. SUMMARY OF CLAIM

The claimants, Neal, Alexandra and Susan Bell, seek compensation in the amount of \$5,187,000 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 306.3-acre subject property into twenty-nine 10-acre parcels and one 12-acre parcel and to develop a dwelling on each parcel. The subject property is located on the east side of Highway 226, near Lyons, in Linn 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 Alexandra Bell's division of the 306.3-acre subject property into twenty-nine 10-acre parcels and one 12-acre parcel and to her development of a dwelling on each parcel: applicable provisions of Statewide Planning Goal 3 (Agricultural Lands), ORS 215 and Oregon

¹ ORS 197.352, as originally enacted, required that final action on claims made under Measure 37 be made within 180 days of the date the claim was filed. In response to the large volume of claims filed in late 2006, the Oregon legislature passed House Bill 3546, which became effective on May 10, 2007. This legislation increased the amount of time state and local governments have to take final action on Measure 37 claims filed on or after November 1, 2006, by 360 days, to a total of 540 days.

Administrative Rules (OAR) 660, division 33, enacted or adopted after February 25, 1987. These land use regulations will not apply to Alexandra Bell only to the extent necessary to allow her to use the subject property for the use described in this report, and only to the extent that use was permitted when she acquired the property on February 25, 1987.

The department has further determined the claim is not valid as to Neal and Susan Bell because their desired use of the subject property was prohibited under the laws in effect when Neal Bell acquired the subject property in 1995 and when Susan Bell acquired the subject property in 1998. (See the complete recommendation in Section VI. of this report.)

III. COMMENTS ON THE CLAIM

Comments Received

On July 9, 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 15-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 22, 2006, for processing under OAR 125, division 145. The claim identifies Goal 3, ORS 215, OAR 660 and Linn County Code regulations 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 Alexandra Bell acquired the subject property on February 25, 1987, as reflected by a warranty deed included with the claim. On July 28, 1995, Glenda Lindemann, conveyed an undivided 50 percent interest to claimant Neal Bell, trustee of the Marion Hood Trust and a 6.3 percent interest to Neal Bell as an individual, as reflected by a bargain and sale deed included with the claim. On September 17, 1998, Neal Bell conveyed his individual interest in the subject property to claimant Susan Bell, as evidenced by a contract and an October 4, 2001, fulfillment warranty deed included with the claim. The Linn County Assessor’s Office confirms Neal Bell’s current ownership, as trustee of the Marion Hood Trust, and Susan and Alexandra Bell’s current ownership of the subject property.

Conclusions

The claimants, Neal Bell, trustee of the Marion Hood Trust, and Alexandra and Susan Bell are “owners” of the subject property as that term is defined by ORS 197.352(11)(C). Alexandra Bell has been an owner of the subject property since February 25, 1987. Neal Bell, trustee of the Marion Hood Trust, has been an owner of the subject property since July 28, 1995. Susan Bell has been an owner of the subject property since September 17, 1998.

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 306.3-acre subject property into twenty-nine 10-acre parcels and one 12-acre parcel and to develop a dwelling on each parcel, and that current land use regulations prevent 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 claimants’ property is zoned EFU by Linn County as required by Goal 3, in accordance with ORS 215 and OAR 660, division 33, because the claimants’ property is “agricultural land” as defined by Goal 3.² Goal 3 became

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

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 the development of dwellings on existing or any proposed parcel 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, 1994.³

At the time Alexandra Bell acquired the subject property, it was subject to Linn County's acknowledged comprehensive plan and EFU zone.⁴ That zone's minimum lot size was subject to review by the county and allowed dwellings in conjunction with farm use. At that time, Alexandra Bell's desired use of the property would have been subject to compliance with Goal 3, and OAR 660, division 5, as implemented through the county's acknowledged EFU zone, and the applicable provisions of ORS 215 then in effect.⁵ In 1987, ORS 215.263 (1985 edition) required that divisions of land in EFU zones be "appropriate for the continuation of the existing commercial agricultural enterprise within the area" or not smaller than the minimum size in the county's acknowledged plan. ORS 215.283(1)(f) (1985 edition) generally allowed farm dwellings "customarily provided in conjunction with farm use." Non-farm dwellings were allowed under ORS 215.283(3) if they were determined to be compatible with farm use, not interfere seriously with accepted farm practices, not materially alter the stability of the land use pattern in the area and be situated on generally unsuitable land for the production of farm crops and livestock.

The claim does not establish whether or to what extent Alexandra Bell's desired division and development of the subject property were allowed under the standards in effect when she acquired the property on February 25, 1987.

³ The Commission subsequently adopted amendments to OAR 660-033-0100, -0130 and -0135 to comply with House Bill 3326 (Chapter 704, Oregon Laws 2001, effective on January 1, 2002), which were effective on May 22, 2002. These amendments clarified but did not further restrict dwelling standards for EFU-zoned land.

⁴ Linn County's EFU zone was acknowledged by the Commission for compliance with Goal 3 on July 18, 1985.

⁵ After the county's comprehensive plan and land use regulations were acknowledged by the Commission as complying with the statewide planning goals, the goals and implementing rules no longer applied directly to individual local land use decisions. *Byrd v. Stringer*, 295 Or 311 (1983). However, statutory requirements continue to apply, and insofar as the state and local provisions are materially the same, the local provisions must be interpreted consistent with the substance of the goals and implementing rules. *Forster v. Polk County*, 115 Or App 475 (1992) and *Kenagy v. Benton County*, 115 Or App 131 (1992).

Neal Bell acquired the subject property on July 28, 1995, and Susan Bell acquired the subject property on September 17, 1998, after the adoption of the statewide planning goals and their implementing statutes and regulations, as identified above.

Conclusions

The current zoning requirements, minimum lot size and dwelling standards established by Goal 3, ORS 215 and OAR 660, division 33, were all enacted or adopted after Alexandra Bell acquired the subject property in 1987 and do not allow her desired division or development of the property. However, the claim does not establish whether or to what extent Alexandra Bell's desired use of the subject property complies with the standards for land divisions and development under Goal 3 and OAR 660, division 5, as implemented through Linn County's comprehensive plan and EFU zone and applicable provisions of ORS 215, in effect when Alexandra Bell acquired the property on February 25, 1987. Laws enacted or adopted since Neal and Susan Bell acquired the subject property in 1995 and 1998 do not restrict their desired use of the property relative to when they acquired it in 1995 and 1998.

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 Alexandra Bell's use of the subject property, and that may continue to apply to her 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 the Alexandra Bell 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 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."

Findings of Fact

The claim includes an estimate of \$5,187,000 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 the claimants' assessment of the subject property's value.

Conclusions

As explained in Section V.(1) of this report, the claimants are Neal, Alexandra and Susan Bell. Alexandra Bell acquired the subject property on February 25, 1987. Neal Bell acquired the subject property on July 28, 1995. Susan Bell acquired the subject property on September 17, 1998. No state laws enacted or adopted since Neal and Susan Bell acquired the subject property restrict the use of the property relative to the uses allowed in 1995 and 1998. Therefore, the fair market value of the subject property has not been reduced as a result of land use regulations enforced by the Commission or the department as to them.

Under ORS 197.352, Alexandra Bell 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 Alexandra Bell acquired the subject property restrict her 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 \$5,187,000.

Without an appraisal or other documentation and without verification of whether or the extent to which Alexandra Bell's desired use of the subject property was allowed under the standards in effect when she acquired the property, it is not possible to substantiate the specific dollar amount by which the land use regulations have reduced the fair market value of the 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 Goal 3, ORS 215 and OAR 660, division 33, which Linn County has implemented through its current EFU zone. With the exception of amendments enacted or adopted after February 25, 1987, Goal 3, ORS 215 and OAR 660 were in effect when Alexandra Bell acquired the subject property. As set forth in Section V.(2) of this report, all of the state land use regulations that restrict Neal and Susan Bell's desired use of the subject property were in effect when Neal Bell acquired the subject property in 1995 and when Susan Bell acquired the subject property in 1998.

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 the general statutory, goal and rule restrictions on division and development of the subject property are not exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(E) only to the extent they were enacted or adopted after Alexander Bell acquired the property on February 25, 1987. Provisions of Goal 3, ORS 215 and OAR 660 in effect when Alexandra Bell acquired the subject property in 1987 are exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(E) and will continue to apply to the property.

All of the state land use regulations that restrict Neal and Susan Bell's desired use of the subject property were in effect when they acquired the property. Therefore, these state land use regulations are exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(E), which exempts laws in effect when Neal and Susan Bell acquired the subject property.

Other laws in effect when Alexandra Bell acquired the subject property are also exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(E) and will continue to apply to her use of the property. There may be other laws that continue to apply to Alexandra Bell'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 Alexandra Bell 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 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 Alexandra Bell'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 Neal and Susan Bell's desired use of the subject property relative to what was permitted when Neal Bell acquired it in 1995 and when Susan Bell acquired it in 1998, and do not reduce the fair market value of the property. The department has further determined laws enforced by the Commission or the department restrict Alexandra Bell'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 \$5,187,000. 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 Alexandra Bell's desired use of the subject property was allowed under the standards in effect when she 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.

