



**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND
DEVELOPMENT**

**ORS 195.300 to ORS 195.336 (MEASURE 49) SUPPLEMENTAL REVIEW
OF MEASURE 37 CLAIM
Final Order and Home Site Authorization**

December 5, 2008

STATE ELECTION NUMBER: E129947

CLAIMANTS: Melrose and Mary Singleton
41093 SE Wildcat Drive
Eagle Creek, Oregon 97022

**MEASURE 37 PROPERTY
IDENTIFICATION:** Township 3S, Range 5E
Section 6B: tax lot 1100
Section 6A: tax lot 1000¹
Clackamas County

The claimants, Melrose and Mary Singleton, filed a claim under ORS 197.352 (2005) (Measure 37) on August 29, 2006 for property located at 41093 SE Wildcat Drive, near Eagle Creek, in Clackamas County. ORS 195.300 to ORS 195.336 (Measure 49) entitles claimants who filed a Measure 37 claim to elect supplemental review of their claim under either Section 6 or 7 of Measure 49. The claimants have elected supplemental review of their Measure 37 claim under Section 6 of Measure 49 which authorizes the Department of Land Conservation and Development (the department) to issue up to three home site approvals to qualified claimants. This Final Order and Home Site Authorization is the conclusion of the supplemental review of this claim.

I. ANALYSIS OF CLAIM

A. Maximum Number of Home Sites for Which the Claimants May Qualify

Under Section 6 of Measure 49, the number of home site approvals authorized by the department cannot exceed the lesser of the following: three; the number stated by the claimant in the election materials; or the number described in a Measure 37 waiver issued by the state, or if no waiver was issued, the number of home sites described in the Measure 37 claim filed with the state. The claimants have requested three home site approvals in the election material. The Measure 37

¹ While the Measure 37 claim was for two tax lots, information obtained from Clackamas County indicates that tax lots 1000 and 1100 are one legal lot of record.

waiver issued for this claim describes twelve home sites. Therefore, the claimants may qualify for a maximum of three home site approvals under the Section 6.

B. Qualification Requirements

To qualify for a home site approval under Section 6 of Measure 49 the claimants must meet each of the following requirements:

1. Timeliness of Claim

A claimant must have filed a Measure 37 claim for the property with either the state or the county in which the property is located on or before June 28, 2007, and must have filed a Measure 37 claim with both the state and the county before Measure 49 became effective on December 6, 2007. If the state Measure 37 claim was filed after December 4, 2006, the claim must also have been filed in compliance with the provisions of OAR 660-041-0020 then in effect.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions

The claimants, Melrose and Mary Singleton, filed a Measure 37 claim, M129947, with the state on August 29, 2006. The claimants filed a Measure 37 claim, ZC055-06, with Clackamas County on April 21, 2006. The state claim was filed prior to December 4, 2006. The claimants timely filed a Measure 37 claim with both the state and Clackamas County.

2. The Claimant Is an Owner of the Property

Measure 49 defines “Owner” as: “(a) The owner of fee title to the property as shown in the deed records of the county where the property is located; (b) The purchaser under a land sale contract, if there is a recorded land sale contract in force for the property; or (c) If the property is owned by the trustee of a revocable trust, the settlor of a revocable trust, except that when the trust becomes irrevocable only the trustee is the owner.”

Findings of Fact and Conclusions:

According to the land sale contract submitted by the claimants, Melrose and Mary Singleton, are the purchasers under a recorded land sale contract in force for the property as shown in Clackamas County’s records, and therefore are the owners of the property under Measure 49. Clackamas County has confirmed that the claimants are the current owners of the property.

3. All Owners Have Consented in Writing to the Claim

All owners of the property must consent to the claim in writing.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions:

All owners of the property have consented to the claim in writing.

4. The Property Is Located Entirely Outside Any Urban Growth Boundary and Entirely Outside the Boundaries of Any City

The Measure 37 claim property must be located entirely outside any urban growth boundary and entirely outside the boundaries of any city.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions:

The Measure 37 claim property is located in Clackamas County, outside the urban growth boundary and outside the city limits of the nearest city, Eagle Creek.

5. One or More Land Use Regulations Prohibit Establishing the Lot, Parcel or Dwelling

One or more land use regulations must prohibit establishing the requested lot, parcel or dwelling.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions:

The property is currently zoned Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) by Clackamas County, in accordance with ORS chapter 215 and OAR 660, division 33, because the property is “agricultural land” as defined by Goal 3. Goal 3 requires agricultural land to be zoned exclusive farm use. Applicable provisions of ORS chapter 215 and OAR 660, division 33, enacted or adopted pursuant to Goal 3, generally prohibit the establishment of a dwelling on a lot or parcel less than 80 acres in size in an EFU zone and regulate the establishment of dwellings on new or existing lots or parcels.

The claimants’ property consists of 12.49 acres. Therefore, state land use regulations prohibit the claimants from establishing on the Measure 37 claim property the three home sites the claimants may qualify for under Section 6 of Measure 49.

6. The Establishment of the Lot, Parcel or Dwelling Is Not Prohibited by a Land Use Regulation Described in ORS 195.305(3)

ORS 195.305(3) exempts from claims under Measure 49 land use regulations:

- (a) Restricting or prohibiting activities commonly and historically recognized as public nuisances under common law;
- (b) Restricting or prohibiting activities for the protection of public health and safety;
- (c) To the extent the land use regulation is required to comply with federal law; or
- (d) Restricting or prohibiting the use of a property for the purpose of selling pornography or performing nude dancing.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions

Based on the documentation submitted by the claimants, the establishment of the three home

sites for which the claimant may qualify on the property is not prohibited by land use regulations described in ORS 195.305(3).

7. On the Claimant's Acquisition Date, the Claimant Lawfully Was Permitted to Establish at Least the Number of Lots, Parcels or Dwellings on the Property That Are Authorized Under Section 6 of Measure 49

A claimant's acquisition date is "the date the claimant became the owner of the property as shown in the deed records of the county in which the property is located. If there is more than one claimant for the same property under the same claim and the claimants have different acquisition dates, the acquisition date is the earliest of those dates."

Findings of Fact and Conclusions

Clackamas County deed records indicate that the claimants acquired the property on September 5, 1975.

On September 5, 1975 the Measure 37 claim property was subject to state statutes, the statewide planning goals and implementing regulations. On the claimants' date of acquisition the property was not zoned by Clackamas County. However, because the Commission had not acknowledged the county's comprehensive plan and land use regulations as being in compliance, the statewide planning goals, and Goal 3 in particular, and ORS ch. 215 applied directly to the claimants' property.

On December 31, 1981 the Commission acknowledged the application of Clackamas County's EFU-20 zone to the Measure 37 claim property. The Commission's acknowledgement of Clackamas County's EFU-20 zone confirmed that zone's compliance with Goal 3 and ORS ch. 215. Clackamas County's acknowledged EFU-20 zone required 20 acres for the creation of a new lot or parcel on which a dwelling could be established. The claimants' property consists of 12.49 acres. Therefore, the claimants lawfully could not have established any home sites on their acquisition date in the zone that was ultimately acknowledged to comply with the law that controlled the establishment of dwellings and land divisions on the property on the claimants' date of acquisition. The claimants do not qualify for any home sites, because the claimants have not shown that a direct application of the Goals and ORS ch.215 would have allowed the claimants to establish additional home sites.

II. COMMENTS ON THE PRELIMINARY EVALUATION

The department issued its Preliminary Evaluation for this claim on October 13, 2008. Pursuant to OAR 660-041-0090, the department provided written notice to the owners of surrounding properties. No written comments were received in response to the 28-day notice.

III. CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis, the claimants, Melrose and Mary Singleton do not qualify for Measure 49 home site approvals because the claimants were not lawfully permitted to establish the lots, parcels or dwellings on the claimants' date of acquisition.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Final Order is entered by the Director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development as a final order of the department and the Land Conservation and Development Commission under ORS 197.300 to ORS 195.336 and OAR 660-041-0000 to 660-041-0160.

FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND THE LAND
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION:

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Cora R. Parker, Deputy Director
Dept. of Land Conservation and Development
Dated this 5th day of December, 2008.

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 is available to anyone who is an owner of the property as defined in Measure 49 that it the subject of this final determination, or a person who timely submitted written evidence or comments to the department concerning this final determination.
2. 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 must be filed in the Circuit Court in the county in which the affected property is located. Upon motion of any party to the proceedings, the proceedings may be transferred to any other county with jurisdiction under ORS 183.484 in the manner provided by law for change of venue.
3. Judicial review of this final determination is limited to the evidence in the record of the department at the time of its final determination. Copies of the documents that comprise the record are available for review at the department's office at 635 Capitol St. NE, Suite 150, Salem, OR 97301-2540. Judicial review is only available for issues that were raised before the department with sufficient specificity to afford the department an opportunity to respond.