



**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND
DEVELOPMENT**

**ORS 195.300 to ORS 195.336 (MEASURE 49) SUPPLEMENTAL REVIEW
OF MEASURE 37 CLAIM
Preliminary Evaluation**

December 22, 2009

STATE ELECTION NUMBER: E133885

CLAIMANT: Truett W. Harris¹
91364 Svensen Market Road
Astoria, OR 97103

**MEASURE 37 PROPERTY
IDENTIFICATION:** Township 8N, Range 8W, Section 34
Tax lots 1300 and 1303
Clatsop County

AGENT CONTACT INFORMATION: Michael A. Autio LLC
100 39th Street
Astoria, OR 97103

I. ELECTION

The claimant, Truett Harris, filed a claim with the state under ORS 197.352 (2005) (Measure 37) on December 4, 2006, for property located at 91364 Svenson Market Road, near Astoria, in Clatsop County. ORS 195.300 to ORS 195.336 (Measure 49) entitles claimants who filed Measure 37 claims to elect supplemental review of their claims. The claimant has elected supplemental review of his Measure 37 claim under Section 6 of Measure 49, which allows the Department of Land Conservation and Development (the department) to authorize up to three home site approvals to qualified claimants.

II. SUMMARY OF PRELIMINARY EVALUATION

Based on the department's preliminary analysis, it appears that the claimant is not eligible for any relief under Measure 49 on tax lot 1300 because the claimant would not have been lawfully permitted to establish any additional home sites when he acquired the property.

Based on the department's preliminary analysis, it appears that the claimant is not eligible for any relief under Measure 49 on tax lot 1303 because the claimant has not established his

¹ Ann Marie Arnold was also a Measure 37 claimant. However, she did not elect relief under Measure 49, therefore, is not eligible for relief.

ownership of tax lot 1303 for the purposes of Measure 49. The claimant no longer owns that portion of the Measure 37 claim property.

III. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HOME SITE APPROVALS FOR WHICH THE CLAIMANT 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 claimant has requested three home site approvals in the election material. No waiver was issued for this claim. The Measure 37 claim filed with the state describes 20 home sites. Therefore, the claimant may qualify for a maximum of three home site approvals under Section 6 of Measure 49.

IV. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF QUALIFICATION FOR HOME SITE APPROVAL

1. Preliminary Analysis

To qualify for a home site approval under Section 6 of Measure 49, 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.

The claimant, Truett Harris, filed a Measure 37 claim, M133885, with the state on December 4, 2006. The claimant filed a Measure 37 claim, M37-06-74, with Clatsop County on December 4, 2006. The state claim was filed on December 4, 2006.

It appears that the claimant timely filed a Measure 37 claim with both the state and Clatsop County.

In addition to filing a claim with both the state and the county in which the property is located, to qualify for a home site approval under Section 6 of Measure 49 the claimant must establish each of the following:

(a) 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."

According to the deed submitted by the claimant, Truett Harris is the owner of fee title to tax lot 1300 as shown in the Clatsop County deed records and, therefore, is an owner of tax lot 1300 under Measure 49.

According to the information obtained from the title company, Truett Harris has not established his ownership of tax lot 1303 for the purposes of Measure 49. The claimant no longer owns that portion of the Measure 37 claim property.

(b) All Owners of the Property Have Consented in Writing to the Claim

It appears that the claimant is the sole owners of the property. Therefore, no additional consent is required.

(c) The Measure 37 Claim Property Is Located Entirely Outside Any Urban Growth Boundary and Entirely Outside the Boundaries of Any City

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

(d) One or More Land Use Regulations Prohibit Establishing the Lot, Parcel or Dwelling

As stated in Section III above, the claimant may qualify for up to three home site approvals.

Tax lot 1300 of the Measure 37 claim property is currently zoned Agriculture Forestry (AF-80) by Clatsop County, in accordance with ORS chapter 215 and OAR 660, division 6, because the property is "forest land" under Goal 4. Applicable provisions of ORS chapter 215 and OAR 660 division 6, enacted or adopted pursuant to Goal 4, generally prohibit the establishment of a lot or parcel less than 80 acres in size in a forest zone and regulate the establishment of dwellings on new or existing lots or parcels.

Tax lot 1303 of the Measure 37 claim property is currently zoned Forest (F-80) by Clatsop County, in accordance with ORS chapter 215 and OAR 660, division 6, because the property is "forest land" under Goal 4. Applicable provisions of ORS chapter 215 and OAR 660 division 6, enacted or adopted pursuant to Goal 4, generally prohibit the establishment of a lot or parcel less than 80 acres in size in a forest zone and regulate the establishment of dwellings on new or existing lots or parcels.

The Measure 37 claim property consists of 29.89 acres. Therefore, state land use regulations prohibit the claimant from establishing on the Measure 37 claim property the three home sites the claimant may qualify for under Section 6 of Measure 49.

(e) 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.

Based on the documentation submitted by the claimant, it does not appear that the establishment of the three home sites for which the claimant may qualify on the property would be prohibited by land use regulations described in ORS 195.305(3).

(f) 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."

County deed records indicate that the claimant acquired tax lot 1300 (18.49 acres) on September 16, 1987, and tax lot 1303 (11.40 acres) on October 30, 1987.

On September 16, 1987, tax lot 1300 of the Measure 37 claim property was subject to Clatsop County's acknowledged Agriculture Forest (AF-20) zone. Clatsop County's AF-20 zone required 20 acres for the creation of a new lot or parcel on which a dwelling could be established. Tax lot 1300 consists of 18.49 acres and is developed with one dwelling. Therefore, the claimants lawfully could not have established any additional home sites on his date of acquisition.

On November 14, 1988, tax lot 1303 of the Measure 37 claim property was subject to Clatsop County's acknowledged Forest (F-38) zone and the southern portion Forest (F-80) zone. Clatsop County's F-38 zone required 38 acres and the (F-80) zone required 80 acres for the creation of a new lot or parcel on which a dwelling could be established. Tax lot 1303 consists of 11.40 acres. Therefore, the claimant lawfully could not have established any home sites on his date of acquisition.

2. Preliminary Conclusion

Based on the preliminary analysis, the claimant, Truett Harris, does not qualify for Measure 49 home site approvals on tax lot 1300 because the claimant was not lawfully permitted to establish the lots, parcels or dwellings on the claimant's date of acquisition.

Based on the preliminary analysis, the claimant, Truett Harris, does not qualify for Measure 49 home site approvals on tax lot 1303 because the claimant has not established his ownership of tax lot 1303 for the purposes of Measure 49. The claimant no longer owns that portion of the Measure 37 claim property.

V. NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

A claimant or a claimant's authorized agent, a county and any third party may submit written comments, evidence and information in response to the preliminary evaluation. The comments, evidence and information must be filed with the department no more than twenty-eight (28) calendar days after the date this evaluation is mailed to the claimant and the claimant's agent and notice of this evaluation is mailed to third parties.

The department will mail a copy of all materials timely filed by a county or a third party with the department to the claimant and the claimant's agent. A claimant or a claimant's authorized agent may then file written comments, evidence or information in response to the materials filed by the third party or county. That response must be filed no more than twenty-one (21) calendar days after the date the department mails the materials to the claimant and the claimant's authorized agent.

All comments, evidence and information in response to the preliminary evaluation and all responses to materials filed by a third party or a county shall be delivered to Supplemental Measure 49 Claim Review, 635 Capitol Street NE, Suite 150, Salem, Oregon 97301-2540 and will be deemed timely filed either (1) if actually delivered to the department before the close of business on the final eligible calendar day, or (2) if mailed on or before the final eligible calendar day.

Note: Please reference the claim number and claimant name and clearly mark your comments as "Preliminary Evaluation Comments." Comments must be submitted in original written form only. Comments submitted electronically or by facsimile will not be accepted.