



**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 18, 2009

STATE ELECTION NUMBER: E129803 and E129804¹

CLAIMANTS: Russell E. and Helene L. Hawkins
44727 SE Kleinsmith Road
Sandy, OR 97055

**MEASURE 37 PROPERTY
IDENTIFICATION:** Township 3S, Range 5E, Section 4
Tax lots 1700 and 1701
Clackamas County

I. ELECTION

The claimants, Russell and Helene Hawkins, filed claims with the state under ORS 197.352 (2005) (Measure 37) on August 3, 2006, for property located at 44575 SE Kleinsmith Road, near Sandy, in Clackamas 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 claimants have elected supplemental review of their 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 claimants are not eligible for any relief under Measure 49 because the claimants would not have been lawfully permitted to establish any additional home sites when they acquired the property.

**III. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HOME SITE APPROVALS 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

¹ Claims E129803 and E129804 have been combined into one claim because the properties are contiguous. Per OAR 660-041-0150 the Department of Land Conservation and Development will combine multiple claims into one claim if the Measure 37 claim property contains multiple contiguous lots or parcels that are in the same ownership.

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 four home site approvals in the election material. The Measure 37 waivers issued for this claim describe four home sites. Therefore, the claimants 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 claimants, Russell and Helene Hawkins, filed Measure 37 claims, M129803 and M129804, with the state on August 3, 2006. The claimants filed Measure 37 claims, ZC148-06 and ZC149-06, with Clackamas County on August 3, 2006. The state claims were filed prior to December 4, 2006.

It appears that the claimants timely filed Measure 37 claims with both the state and Clackamas 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 claimants 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 deeds submitted by the claimants, Russell and Helene Hawkins are the owners of fee title to the property as shown in the Clackamas County deed records and, therefore, are owners of the property under Measure 49.

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

It appears that the claimants are 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 Clackamas County, outside the urban growth boundary and outside the city limits of the nearest city, Sandy.

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

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

The property is currently zoned Farm/Forest (FF-10) by Clackamas County, in accordance with Goal 14, which prohibits the urban use of rural land and requires local comprehensive plans to identify and separate urbanizable from rural land in order to provide for the orderly and efficient transition from rural to urban use. State laws, namely Goal 14 and OAR 660-004-0040, prohibit the establishment of a lot or parcel less than the size established in the County rural residential zone in existence on October 4, 2000, if the zone in existence on that date had a minimum lot size of two or more acres. Clackamas County's FF-10 zone requires a minimum lot size of ten acres.

The claimants' property consists of 9.55 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.

(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 claimants, it does not appear that the establishment of the three home sites for which the claimants 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."

Clackamas County deed records indicate that the claimants acquired tax lot 1701 (3.52 acres) on October 3, 1975, and tax lot 1700 (6.03 acres) on July 26, 2005.³

The claimants acquired tax lot 1701 of the Measure 37 claim property after adoption of the statewide planning goals, but before the Commission acknowledged Clackamas County's comprehensive plan and land use regulations to be in compliance with those goals pursuant to ORS 197.250 and 197.251.

At that time, tax lot 1701 was zoned Rural Agricultural Residential (RA-1) by Clackamas County, which required a minimum parcel size of one acre for the creation of a new lot or parcel. On December 21, 1982, the Commission acknowledged the application of Clackamas County's Farm/Forest (FF-10) zone to tax lot 1701 of the Measure 37 claim property. However, the Commission had not acknowledged Clackamas County's comprehensive plan and land use regulations for compliance with the goals, when the claimants acquired tax lot 1701 on October 3, 1975. Accordingly, the statewide planning goals, and in particular Goal 14, applied directly to tax lot 1701 of the Measure 37 claim property when the claimants acquired it.

On October 3, 1975, Goal 14 required counties "[t]o provide for an orderly and efficient transition from rural to urban land use * * *." The Goal required the creation of urban growth boundaries to "identify and separate urbanizable land from rural land," and prohibited the location of "urban uses" outside urban growth boundaries without the approval of a Goal 2 exception to Goal 14. In general, and consistent with subsequent judicial interpretation and LCDC rules implementing Goal 14, urban uses included residential lots or parcels less than two acres in size. Ultimately, the County's acknowledged plan zoned the subject property to require a minimum of ten acres for the creation of a new lot or parcel. Therefore, the establishment of a new lot or parcel of ten acres on the subject property would have complied with Goal 14 on the claimants' date of acquisition. However, based on evidence in the record and consistent with judicial and regulatory authority, under a direct application of the goals, prior to acknowledgement, a lot or parcel of two acres or more could also have complied with the requirements of Goal 14.

Tax lot 1701 of the Measure 37 claim property consists of 3.52 acres and is developed with a dwelling. Therefore, the claimants' request to create two home sites would result in parcels

³ The deed records indicate claimants reacquired tax lot 1700 on July 26, 2005, after conveying the tax lot to other people. Regarding reacquisition of claim property, Measure 49 section 21(3) provides: "If a claimant conveyed the property to another person and reacquired the property, whether by foreclosure or otherwise, the claimant's acquisition date is the date the claimant reacquired ownership of the property."

smaller than two acres. Without additional evidence to establish that, as applied to the subject property, the requested smaller parcels would have satisfied the requirements of Goal 14, the claimants lawfully could not have established any additional residential lots or parcels when they acquired tax lot 1701. It appears that the claimants do not qualify for any additional home sites unless the claimants can show that, in this instance, a direct application of Goal 14 would have allowed the claimants to establish smaller lots or parcels on tax lot 1701 of the Measure 37 claim property.

On July 26, 2005, the Measure 37 claim property consisted of tax lots 1700 and 1701 and was subject to Clackamas County's acknowledged Farm/Forest (FF-10) zone. Clackamas County's FF-10 zone required 10 acres for the creation of a new lot or parcel on which a dwelling could be established. The claimants' property consists of 9.55 acres and is developed with a dwelling on each tax lot. Therefore, the claimants lawfully could not have established any additional home sites on their date of acquisition of tax lot 1700 of the Measure 37 claim property.

2. Preliminary Conclusion

Based on the preliminary analysis, the claimants, Russell and Helene Hawkins, 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' dates of acquisition.

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 claimants and the claimants' 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 claimants and the claimants' 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 claimants and the claimants' 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.