



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 8, 2009

STATE ELECTION NUMBER: E130283

CLAIMANT: Ira J. Cree¹
3250 Cherry Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90807

MEASURE 37 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION: Township 36S, Range 14W, Section 00
Tax lot 4806
Curry County

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I. ELECTION

The claimant, Ira Cree, filed a claim with the state under ORS 197.352 (2005) (Measure 37) on October 13, 2006, for property located near Gold Beach, in Curry 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 because the claimant has not established his ownership of the property for the purposes of Measure 49.

¹ Although the election form identifies the claimant as Ira J. Cree, dba Cree Bros., Cree Bros. was not a claimant under the Measure 37 claim filed with the state and, therefore, is not eligible for relief under Measure 49. Accordingly, all references to the claimant refer to Ira J. Cree as an individual.

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 material; 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 one home site approval in the election material. No waiver was issued for this claim. The Measure 37 claim filed with the state describes one home site. Therefore, the claimant may qualify for a maximum of one home site approval 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, Ira Cree, filed a Measure 37 claim, M130283, with the state on October 13, 2006. The claimant filed a Measure 37 claim, M37-0518 with Curry County on November 7, 2005. The state claim was filed prior to December 4, 2006.

It appears that the claimant timely filed a Measure 37 claim with both the state and Curry 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 information submitted by the claimant, Ira Cree has not established his ownership of the property for the purposes of Measure 49. Cree Bros., a general partnership, purchased the Measure 37 claim property on March 16, 1979 and continues to own the property today. A partnership is a distinct and separate entity from its partners and the claim does not

include any documentation to establish that Ira Cree has an ownership interest in the property as an individual. Because the subject property is owned by a partnership, the claimant is not an owner under Measure 49.

Because this requirement has not been met, the claimant is not entitled to any relief under Measure 49, and, therefore, the remaining approval criteria will not be evaluated.

2. Preliminary Conclusion

Based on the preliminary analysis, the claimant, Ira Cree, does not qualify for Measure 49 home site approvals because the claimant has not established his ownership of the property for the purposes of Measure 49.

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.