



**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 30, 2009

STATE ELECTION NUMBER: E131161B^{1,2}

CLAIMANTS: Rocky and Letha Younger
15080 S Maple Lane Road
Oregon City, OR 97045

**MEASURE 37 PROPERTY
IDENTIFICATION:** Township 38S, Range 1E, Section 35
Tax lot 102
Jackson County

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I. ELECTION

The claimants, Rocky and Letha Younger, filed a claim with the state under ORS 197.352 (2005) (Measure 37) on November 24, 2006, for property located near Ashland, in Jackson 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.

¹ Claim E131161 has been divided due to contiguous property not in the same ownership and non-contiguous property in the same ownership. Claim E131161A addresses claimants Rocky and Letha Younger and their entitlement to relief under Measure 49 on tax lots 102, 107 and 108 (T38S R1E S26). Claim E131161B addresses their relief on tax lot 102 (T38S R1E S35). Claim E131161C addresses their relief on tax lot 102 (T38S R1E S27). Claim E131161D addresses claimant Rocky Younger and his relief on tax lots 101 and 105 (T38S R1E S26). Claim E131161E addresses claimant Letha Younger and her relief on tax lots 106 (T38S R1E S26) and 104 and 103 (T38S R1E S35).

² The claimants' election included tax lots 102 and 103 (T38S R1E S34). These tax lots were not part of the Measure 37 claim property and are not entitled to relief under Measure 49.

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 zoning and lawfully permitted uses of the property have not changed since the claimant 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 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. No waiver was issued for this claim. The Measure 37 claim filed with the state describes 959 home sites.³ 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, Rocky and Letha Younger, filed a Measure 37 claim, M131161, with the state on November 24, 2006. The claimants filed a Measure 37 claim, M37 2006-00181, with Jackson County on November 27, 2006. The state claim was filed prior to December 4, 2006.

It appears that the claimants timely filed a Measure 37 claim with both the state and Jackson 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

³ The Measure 37 claim described the use for all tax lots included in the claim for M131161.

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, Rocky and Letha Younger are the owners of fee title to the property as shown in the Jackson 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 Jackson County, outside the urban growth boundary and outside the city limits of the nearest city, Ashland.

(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 Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) by Jackson 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 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 40.74 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."

Jackson County deed records indicate that claimant Rocky Younger acquired the property on May 20, 1998, and claimant Letha Younger acquired the property on May 22, 1998. Therefore, for purposes of Measure 49, the claimants' acquisition date is May 20, 1998.

The zoning of the Measure 37 claim property has not changed since the claimant acquired the Measure 37 claim property on May 20, 1998. As it is currently, on May 20, 1998, the Measure 37 claim property was zoned EFU by Jackson County in accordance with applicable provisions of ORS chapter 215 and OAR 660, division 33, because the property is agricultural land as defined by Goal 3.

The claimant is not qualified for Measure 49 relief on the Measure 37 claim property because the zoning and lawfully permitted uses of the property have not changed since the claimant acquired the property.

2. Preliminary Conclusion

Based on the preliminary analysis, the claimants, Rock and Letha Younger, do not qualify for Measure 49 home site approvals because the zoning and lawfully permitted uses of the property have not changed since the claimant acquired the 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 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.