

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT  
OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM ) FINAL ORDER  
FOR COMPENSATION UNDER ) CLAIM NO. M 118362  
BALLOT MEASURE 37 (CHAPTER 1 )  
OREGON LAWS 2005) OF )  
Gary L. and Nancy R. Owens, CLAIMANTS )

Claimants: Gary L. and Nancy R. Owens (the Claimants)

Property: Tax Lots 1400 & 1500, T 04, R 03, S 14, Yamhill County (the Property)

Claim: The demand for compensation and any supporting information received from the Claimants by the State of Oregon (the Claim).

Claimants submitted the Claim to the State of Oregon under Ballot Measure 37 (2004) (Oregon Laws 2005, Chapter 1) (hereafter, Measure 37). Under OAR 125-145-0010 *et seq.*, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) referred the Claim to the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) as the regulating entity. This order is based on the record herein, including the Findings and Conclusions set forth in the Final Staff Report and Recommendation of DLCD (the DLCD Report) attached to and by this reference incorporated into this order.

ORDER

The Claim is approved as to laws administered by DLCD and the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) for the reasons set forth in the DLCD Report, and subject to the following terms:

1. In lieu of compensation under Measure 37, the State of Oregon will not apply the following laws to Mr. and Ms. Owens' division of the 122-acre property into as many as 48, 2.5-acre parcels or to their establishment of a single family dwelling on each parcel created: applicable provisions of Statewide Planning Goals 3, ORS 215, and OAR 660, division 33. These land use regulations will not apply to the Owens' use of their property only to the extent necessary to allow the claimants to use the property for the use described in this report, to the extent that use was permitted at the time they acquired the property on May 1, 1972.
2. The action by the State of Oregon provides the state's authorization to the claimants to use their property for the use described in this report, subject to the standards in effect on May 1, 1972.
3. To the extent that any law, order, deed, agreement or other legally enforceable public or private requirement provides that the property may not be used without a permit, license, or other form of authorization or consent, the order will not authorize the use of the property unless the claimants first obtains that permit, license or other form of authorization or consent. Such

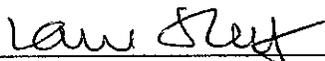
requirements may include, but are not limited to: a building permit, a land use decision, a permit as defined in ORS 215.402 or ORS 227.160, other permits or authorizations from local, state or federal agencies, and restrictions on the use of the property imposed by private parties.

4. Any use of the property by the claimants under the terms of the order will remain subject to the following laws: (a) those laws not specified in (1) above; (b) any laws enacted or enforced by a public entity other than the Commission or the department; and (c) those laws not subject to Measure 37 including, without limitation, those laws exempted under Section (3) of the Measure.

5. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing terms and conditions, in order for the claimants to use the property, it may be necessary for them to obtain a decision under Measure 37 from a city and/or county and/or metropolitan service district that enforces land use regulations applicable to the property. Nothing in this order relieves the claimants from the necessity of obtaining a decision under Measure 37 from a local public entity that has jurisdiction to enforce a land use regulation applicable to a use of the property by the claimants.

This Order is entered by the Director of the DLCD as a final order of DLCD and the Land Conservation and Development Commission under Measure 37, OAR 660-002-0010(8), and OAR chapter 125, division 145, and by the Deputy Administrator for the State Services Division of the DAS as a final order of DAS under Measure 37, OAR chapter 125, division 145 and ORS chapter 293.

FOR DLCD AND THE LAND CONSERVATION  
AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

  
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Lane Shetterly, Director  
DLCD

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2005.

FOR the DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE  
SERVICES:

  
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Dugan Petty, Deputy Administrator  
DAS, State Services Division

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2005.

## **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL OR OTHER JUDICIAL RELIEF**

You are entitled, or may be entitled, to the following judicial remedies:

1. **Judicial review under ORS 293.316:** Judicial review under ORS 293.316 may be obtained by filing a petition for review within 60 days from the service of this order. Judicial review under ORS 293.316 is pursuant to the provisions of ORS 183.482 to the Court of Appeals.
2. **Judicial review under ORS 183.484:** 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 may be filed in the Circuit Court for Marion County and the Circuit Court in the county in which you reside.
3. **A cause of action under Oregon Laws 2005, chapter 1 (Measure 37 (2004)):** A present owner of the property, or any interest therein, may file a cause of action in the Circuit Court for the county where the property is located, if a land use regulation continues to apply to the subject property more than 180 days after the present owner made a written demand for compensation.

(Copies of the documents that comprise the record are available for review at the Department's office at 635 Capitol Street NE, Suite 150, Salem, Oregon 97301-2540)

### **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The Oregon Department of Justice has advised the Department of Land Conservation and Development that "[i]f the current owner of the real property conveys the property before the new use allowed by the public entity is established, then the entitlement to relief will be lost."

### **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The Marion County Circuit Court has issued an opinion declaring that 2004 Oregon Ballot Measure 37 (2005 Or Laws chapter 1) is invalid. As of the date of this order, the court has not entered a judgment that gives legal effect to the court's opinion. Once a judgment is entered by the court, any rights granted by this order may be void or voidable.

**BALLOT MEASURE 37 (CHAPTER 1, OREGON LAWS 2005)  
CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION**

**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
Final Staff Report and Recommendation**

October 24, 2005

**STATE CLAIM NUMBER:** M118362

**NAME OF CLAIMANTS:** Gary L. and Nancy R. Owens

**MAILING ADDRESS:** 20435 SE Neck Road  
Dayton, OR 97114

**PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION:** Township 04, Range 03, Section 14,  
Tax Lot 1400 & 1500  
Yamhill County

**DATE RECEIVED BY DAS:** April 27, 2005

**180-DAY DEADLINE:** October 24, 2005

**I. SUMMARY OF CLAIM**

The claimants, Gary L. and Nancy R. Owens, seek compensation in the amount of \$2,255,000 for the reduction in fair market value as a result of certain land use regulations that are alleged to restrict the use of certain private real property. The claimants desire compensation or the right to divide the 122-acre property into as many as forty-eight, 2.5-acre parcels and to develop a dwelling on each parcel. The property is located at 20435 S.E. Neck Road, near Dayton. (See claim.)

**II. SUMMARY OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the findings and conclusions set forth below, the Department of Land Conservation and Development (the department) has determined that the claim is valid. Department staff recommends that, in lieu of compensation, the requirements of the following state laws enforced by the Land Conservation and Development Commission (the Commission) or the department, not apply to Mr. and Ms. Owens' division of the property for residential development: applicable provisions of Statewide Planning Goals 3 (Agricultural Lands), ORS 215, and applicable provisions of OAR 660, division 33. These laws will not apply to the claimant only to the extent necessary to allow Mr. and Ms. Owens to use the property for the use described in this report, to the extent that use was permitted at the time they acquired the property in 1972. (See the complete recommendation in Section VI. of this report.)

### **III. COMMENTS ON THE CLAIM**

#### **Comments Received**

On May 23, 2005, pursuant to OAR 125-145-0080, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) provided written notice to the owners of surrounding properties. According to DAS, three written comments were received in response to the 10-day notice.

The comments do not address whether the claim meets the criteria for relief (compensation or waiver) under Measure 37. Comments concerning the effects a use of the property may have on surrounding areas generally are not something that the department is able to consider in determining whether to waive a state law. If funds do become available to pay compensation, then such effects may become relevant in determining which claims to pay compensation for instead of waiving a state law. (See comment letter in the department's claim file.)

### **IV. TIMELINESS OF CLAIM**

#### **Requirement**

Ballot Measure 37, Section 5, requires that a written demand for compensation be made:

1. For claims arising from land use regulations enacted prior to the effective date of the Measure (December 2, 2004), within two years of that effective date or the date the public entity applies the land use regulation as an approval criteria to an application submitted by the owner, whichever is later; or
2. For claims arising from land use regulations enacted after the effective date of the Measure (December 2, 2004), within two years of the enactment of the land use regulation, or the date the owner of the property submits a land use application in which the land use regulation is an approval criteria, whichever is later.

#### **Findings of Fact**

This claim was submitted to DAS on April 27, 2005, for processing under OAR 125, division 145. The claim lists ORS 92, 195, 197, 215 and all of OAR 660 as laws that restrict the use of the property as the basis for the claim. Only laws that were enacted prior to December 2, 2004, the effective date of Measure 37 are the basis for this claim. (See citations of statutory and administrative rule history of the Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules.)

#### **Conclusions**

The claim has been submitted within two years of December 2, 2004, the effective date of Measure 37, based on land use regulations adopted prior to December 2, 2004, and is therefore timely filed.

## V. ANALYSIS OF CLAIM

### **1. Ownership**

Ballot Measure 37 provides for payment of compensation or relief from specific laws for “owners” as that term is defined in the Measure. Ballot Measure 37, Section 11(C) defines “owner” as “the present owner of the property, or any interest therein.”

### **Findings of Fact**

The claimants, Gary and Nancy Owens, acquired the subject property on May 1, 1972, as reflected by Warranty Deed included with the claim.<sup>1</sup> Copies of Yamhill County 2004-2005 real property tax statements (for tax lots 1400 and 1500) indicate that Gary and Nancy Owens are the current owners of the subject property.

### **Conclusions**

The claimants, Mr. and Ms. Owens, are “owners” of the subject property, as that term is defined by Section 11(C) of Ballot Measure 37, as of May 1, 1972.

### **2. The Laws that are the Basis for this Claim**

In order to establish a valid claim, Section 1 of Ballot Measure 37 requires, in part, that a law must restrict the claimant’s use of private real property in a manner that reduces the fair market value of the property relative to how the property could have been used at the time the claimant or a family member acquired the property.

### **Findings of Fact**

The claimants have identified the following land use regulations as those that restrict the use of the property compared with how the claimants were permitted to use the property at the time it was originally acquired by the claimants: ORS 92, 195, 197, 215 and all of OAR 660. The claimants do not establish how these laws restrict the use of their property in a manner that reduces its fair market value. Most of these laws either do not apply to the claimants’ property or do not, on their face, reduce the value of the claimants’ property. Except for those land use regulations addressed below, absent an explanation as to how these laws restrict the use of their property, they are not addressed further in this report.

The claim is based, generally, on Yamhill County’s current EF-80, Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) zone and the applicable provisions of state law that require such zoning. The claimants’ property

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<sup>1</sup> The department’s October 3, 2005 draft staff report relied on a Bargain and Sale Deed dated January 17, 1975, as the date of acquisition. The claimants found this information to be in error, and provided to the department the 1972 Warranty Deed that is the basis for this claim. This final report reflects this correction, as the 1975 deed pertained to a road easement for the subject property.

is zoned EFU as required by Goal 3 in accord with OAR 660, division 33 and ORS 215 because the claimants' property is "Agricultural Land" as defined by Goal 3.<sup>2</sup> Goal 3 became effective on January 25, 1975, and required that Agricultural Lands as defined by the Goal be zoned EFU pursuant to ORS 215.

Current land use regulations, particularly ORS 215.263, 215.284, 215.780 and OAR 660, division 33 as applied by Goal 3, do not allow the subject property to be divided into parcels less than 80 acres and establish standards for allowing the existing or any proposed parcel(s) to have farm or non farm dwellings on them.

ORS 215.780 established an 80-acre minimum size for the creation of new lots or parcels in EFU zones and became effective November 4, 1993 (Chapter 792, Oregon Laws 1993). ORS 215.263 (2003 edition) establishes standards for the creation of new parcels for non-farm uses and dwellings allowed in an EFU zone.

OAR 660-033-0135 (applicable to farm dwellings) became effective on March 1, 1994, and interprets the statutory standard for a primary dwelling in an EFU zone under ORS 215.283(1)(f).

OAR 660-033-0130(4) (applicable to non-farm dwellings) became effective on August 7, 1993, and was amended to comply with ORS 215.284(4) on March 1, 1994. Subsequent amendments to comply with HB 3326, (Chapter 704, Oregon Laws 2001, and effective January 1, 2002) were adopted by the Commission effective May 22, 2002. (See citations of administrative rule history for OAR 660-033-0100, 0130 and 0135.)

The Gary and Nancy Owens acquired the subject property on May 1, 1972, prior to the establishment of the Statewide Planning Goals and their implementing statutes and rules. The subject property was not zoned by Yamhill County in 1972.

### **Conclusions**

The zoning requirements, minimum lot size and dwelling standards established by Statewide Planning Goal 3 (Agricultural Lands) and provisions applicable to land zoned EFU in ORS 215 and OAR 660, division 33 were all enacted after Gary and Nancy Owens acquired ownership of the subject property in May 1972, and do not allow the division of the property, thereby restricting the use of the property relative to the uses allowed when the property was acquired by the Owens' in 1972.

This report addresses only those state laws that are identified in the claim, or that the department is certain apply to the property based on the use(s) that the claimants have identified. There may be other laws that currently apply to the claimants' use of the property, and that may continue to apply to the claimants' use of the property, that have not been identified in the claim. In some cases it will not be possible to know what laws apply to a use of property until there is a specific

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<sup>2</sup> The claimant's property is "Agricultural Land" because it contains NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) Soils. The subject property is composed of "high value farmland" soils according to the Soil Survey of Yamhill Area Oregon, (Map 28).

proposal for that use. When a claimant seeks a building or development permit to carry out a specific use, it may become evident that other state laws apply to that use.

### **3. Effect of Regulations on Fair Market Value**

In order to establish a valid claim, Section 1 of Ballot Measure 37 requires that any land use regulation described in Section V. (2) of this report must have “the effect of reducing the fair market value of the property, or any interest therein.”

#### **Findings of Fact**

The claim includes an estimate of \$2,255,000 as the property’s fair market value, as a result of current regulations. This amount is based on the claimants’ estimate of the market value to subdivide the property into 2.5-acre lots each with a dwelling.

The claim includes a methodology the claimants used to derive loss of value which includes an estimate of the value of “highest and best use” of the property, less estimated current market value and cost to develop. Information from a real estate broker indicates the value of the property in its “as is” condition to be approximately \$995,000.

#### **Conclusions**

As explained in Section V.(1) of this report, the current owner is Gary and Nancy Owens who acquired the property on May 1, 1972. Under Ballot Measure 37, Gary and Nancy Owens are due compensation for land use regulations that restrict the use of the subject property in a manner that reduces its fair market value. Based on the findings and conclusions in Section V.(2) of this report, laws adopted since the claimants acquired the property restrict division of the subject property. The claimant estimates the reduction in value due to the restrictions to be \$2,255,000.

Without an appraisal or other documentation, it is not possible to substantiate the specific dollar amount the claimant demands for compensation. Nevertheless, based on the submitted information, the department determines that it is more likely than not that there has been some reduction in the fair market value of the subject property as a result of land use regulations enforced by the Commission or the department.

### **4. Exemptions under Section 3 of Measure 37**

Ballot Measure 37 does not apply to certain land use regulations. In addition, under Section 3 of the Measure, certain types of laws are exempt from the Measure.

#### **Findings of Fact**

The claim is based on state land use regulations that restrict the use of the property relative to what would have been allowed in 1972 when the property was acquired by Gary and Nancy Owens. These provisions include Statewide Planning Goal 3 (Agricultural Lands), and

applicable provisions of ORS 215 and OAR 660, division 33, which Yamhill County has implemented through its EFU zone. None of these laws are exempt under Section 3(E) of Ballot Measure 37, which exempts laws in effect when the claimants acquired the property.

### **Conclusions**

Without a specific development proposal for the property, it is not possible for the department to determine what laws may apply to a particular use of the property, or whether those laws may fall under one or more of the exemptions under Measure 37. It does appear that the general statutory, goal and rule restrictions on residential development and use of farm land apply to the claimant's use of the property, and for the most part these laws are not exempt under Section 3(E) of Measure 37.

Laws in effect when the claimants acquired the property are exempt under Section 3(E) of Measure 37, and will continue to apply to the claimants' use of the property. There may be other laws that continue to apply to the claimants' use of the property that have not been identified in the claim. In some cases it will not be possible to know what laws apply to a use of property until there is a specific proposal for that use. When the claimants seek a building or development permit to carry out a specific use, it may become evident that other state laws apply to that use. And, in some cases, some of these laws may be exempt under subsections 3(A) to 3(D) of Measure 37.

This report addresses only those state laws that are identified in the claim, or that the department is certain apply to the property based on the use(s) that the claimant has identified. Similarly, this report only addresses the exemptions provided for under Section (3) of Measure 37 that are clearly applicable given the information provided to the department in the claim. The claimants should be aware that the less information they have provided to the department in their claim, the greater the possibility that there may be additional laws that will later be determined to continue to apply to their use of the property.

## **VI. FORM OF RELIEF**

Section 1 of Measure 37 provides for payment of compensation to an owner of private real property if the Commission or the department has enforced a law that restricts the use of the property in a manner that reduces its fair market value. In lieu of compensation, the department may choose to not apply the law in order to allow the present owner to carry out a use of the property permitted at the time the current owner acquired the property. The Commission, by rule, has directed that if the department determines a claim is valid, the Director must provide only non-monetary relief unless and until funds are appropriated by the legislature to pay claims.

### **Findings of Fact**

Based on the findings and conclusions set forth in this report laws enforced by the Commission or the department restrict the division of the subject 122-acre property into as many as 48, 2.5-acre parcels and to the development of a dwelling on each parcel. The claim asserts the laws

enforced by the Commission or department reduce the fair market value of the subject property by \$2,255,000. However, because the claim does not provide an appraisal or other specific explanation for how the specified restrictions reduce the fair market value of the property, a specific amount of compensation cannot be determined. Nevertheless, based on the record for this claim, the department acknowledges that the laws on which the claim is based likely have reduced the fair market value of the property to some extent.

No funds have been appropriated at this time for the payment of claims. In lieu of payment of compensation, Ballot Measure 37 authorizes the department to modify, remove or not apply all or parts of certain land use regulations to allow Mr. and Ms. Owens to use the subject property for a use permitted at the time they acquired the property on May 1, 1972.

### **Conclusion**

Based on the record, the department recommends that the claim be approved, subject to the following terms:

1. In lieu of compensation under Measure 37, the State of Oregon will not apply the following laws to Mr. and Ms. Owens' division of the 122-acre property into as many as 48, 2.5-acre parcels or to their establishment of a single family dwelling on each parcel created: applicable provisions of Statewide Planning Goals 3, ORS 215, and OAR 660, division 33. These land use regulations will not apply to the Owens' use of their property only to the extent necessary to allow the claimants to use the property for the use described in this report, to the extent that use was permitted at the time they acquired the property on May 1, 1972.
2. The action by the State of Oregon provides the state's authorization to the claimants to use their property for the use described in this report, subject to the standards in effect on May 1, 1972.
3. To the extent that any law, order, deed, agreement or other legally enforceable public or private requirement provides that the property may not be used without a permit, license, or other form of authorization or consent, the order will not authorize the use of the property unless the claimants first obtains that permit, license or other form of authorization or consent. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to: a building permit, a land use decision, a permit as defined in ORS 215.402 or ORS 227.160, other permits or authorizations from local, state or federal agencies, and restrictions on the use of the property imposed by private parties.
4. Any use of the property by the claimants under the terms of the order will remain subject to the following laws: (a) those laws not specified in (1) above; (b) any laws enacted or enforced by a public entity other than the Commission or the department; and (c) those laws not subject to Measure 37 including, without limitation, those laws exempted under Section (3) of the Measure.
5. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing terms and conditions, in order for the claimants to use the property, it may be necessary for them to obtain a decision under Measure 37 from a city and/or county and/or metropolitan service district that enforces land use regulations applicable to the property. Nothing in this order relieves the claimants from the

necessity of obtaining a decision under Measure 37 from a local public entity that has jurisdiction to enforce a land use regulation applicable to a use of the property by the claimants.

## **VII. COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT STAFF REPORT**

The department issued its draft staff report on this claim on October 3, 2005. OAR 125-145-0100(3), provided an opportunity for the claimant or the claimant's authorized agent and any third parties who submitted comments under OAR 125-145-0080 to submit written comments, evidence and information in response to the draft staff report and recommendation. Comments received have been taken into account by the department in the issuance of this final report.