

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM FOR )FINAL ORDER  
COMPENSATION UNDER ORS 197.352 )CLAIM NO. M129354  
(BALLOT MEASURE 37) OF )  
Gladys L. Nelson (Boothe)(Montgomery), CLAIMANTS )

Claimants: Gladys L. Nelson (Boothe)(Montgomery) (the Claimants)

Property: Township 36S, Range 4W, Section 16A, Tax lot 2500, Jackson County  
(the property)

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

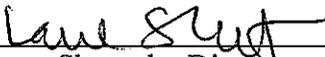
Claimants submitted the Claim to the State of Oregon under ORS 197.352. Under OAR 125-145-0010 *et seq.*, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) referred the Claim to the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) as the regulating entity. This order is based on the record herein, 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

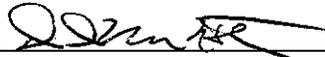
The Claim is denied as to laws administered by DLCD and the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) for the reasons set forth in the DLCD Report.

This Order is entered by the Director of the DLCD as a final order of DLCD and the Land Conservation and Development Commission under ORS 197.352, OAR 660-002-0010(8), and OAR chapter 125, division 145, and by the Administrator for the State Services Division of the DAS as a final order of DAS under ORS 197.352, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006.

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

  
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David Hartwig, Administrator  
DAS, State Services Division  
Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006.

**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 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 or the Circuit Court in the county in which you reside.
2. A cause of action under ORS 197.352 (Measure 37 (2004)): If a land use regulation continues to apply to the subject property more than 180 days after the present owner of the property has made written demand for compensation under ORS 197.352, the present owner of the property, or any interest therein, shall have a cause of action in the circuit court in which the real property is located.

(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)

**ORS 197.352 (BALLOT MEASURE 37) CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION**

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

November 8, 2006

**STATE CLAIM NUMBER:** M129354

**NAME OF CLAIMANT:** Gladys L. Nelson (Boothe)(Montgomery)

**MAILING ADDRESS:** 577 West Evans Creek Road  
Rogue River, Oregon 97537

**PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION:** Township 36S, Range 4W, Section 16A  
Tax lot 2500  
Jackson County

**OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION:** Craig L. Myers (Agent)  
8442 Liberty Road South  
Salem, Oregon 97306

**DATE RECEIVED BY DAS:** May 18, 2006

**180-DAY DEADLINE:** November 14, 2006

**I. SUMMARY OF CLAIM**

The claimant, Gladys Nelson, seeks compensation in the amount of \$600,000 for the reduction in fair market value as a result of land use regulations that are alleged to restrict the use of certain private real property. The claimant desires compensation or the right to divide the 9.58-acre property into 10 approximately one-acre parcels for residential development. The subject property is located at 577 West Evans Creek Road, near the city of Rogue River, in Jackson County. (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 not valid because neither the Land Conservation and Development Commission (the Commission) nor the department has enforced laws that restrict the claimant's use of the private real property. (See the complete recommendation in Section VI. of this report.)

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

#### **Comments Received**

On September 6, 2006, 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, no written comments were received in response to the 10-day notice

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

#### **Requirement**

ORS 197.352(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 Measure 37 (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 Measure 37 (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 May 18, 2006, for processing under OAR 125, division 145. The claim identifies County land use regulations as the basis for the claim. Only laws that were enacted or adopted prior to December 2, 2004, are the basis for this claim.

#### **Conclusions**

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

### **V. ANALYSIS OF CLAIM**

#### **1. Ownership**

ORS 197.352 provides for payment of compensation or relief from specific laws for "owners" as that term is defined in ORS 197.352. ORS 197.352(11)(C) defines "owner" as "the present owner of the property, or any interest therein."

## **Findings of Fact**

The claimant, Gladys Nelson, acquired the subject property on November 8, 1971, as reflected by a deed included with the claim. The Jackson County Assessor's Office confirms the claimant's current ownership of the subject property.

## **Conclusions**

The claimant, Gladys Nelson, is an "owner" of the subject property as that term is defined by ORS 197.352(11)(C), as of November 8, 1971.

## **2. The Laws That are the Basis for This Claim**

In order to establish a valid claim, ORS 197.352(1) 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 claim indicates that the claimant desires to divide the 9.58-acre subject property into 10 approximately one-acre parcels for residential development and that Jackson County SR-2.5<sup>1</sup> zoning and development regulations prevent the desired use.

The subject property is currently zoned Rural Residential (RR-2.5) by Jackson County. The RR-2.5 district is a rural residential zone, with a minimum lot size of 2.5 acres. The subject property is within the City of Rogue River's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).

In general, the zoning of a particular property within a UGB is determined by the city or county with land use jurisdiction over the property. In some circumstances, the Commission's rules or state statutes may apply to a local government decision regarding zoning, but usually, within a UGB, state laws require or encourage a higher intensity of development rather than restrict the use of real property. In this case, the claimant has not alleged how a specific state land use regulation restricts the use of real property and has the effect of reducing the fair market value of that real property.

Based on the information in the claim, the department has not identified any state laws that restrict the claimant's use of the subject property.

## **Conclusions**

The claim does not establish any state laws that currently restrict the use of the claimant's property. Because the subject property is located within the City of Rogue River's UGB, neither the Commission nor the department enforces laws that require specific zoning of the property.

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<sup>1</sup> The subject property was previously designated by Jackson County as Suburban Residential (SR-2.5). The subject property, however, is currently zoned Rural Residential (RR-2.5). Both the SR-2.5 and the RR-2.5 designations limit minimum lot sizes to 2.5 acres.

Based on the record before the department, neither the Commission nor the department enforces any laws that restrict the use of the claimant's real property.

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

In order to establish a valid claim, ORS 197.352(1) requires that the land use regulation(s) (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."

As explained in Section V.(2) of this report, the claimant, Gladys Nelson, has not established that any state land use regulations restrict the use of the subject property. Accordingly, the department cannot determine that any laws enforced by the Commission or the department have had the effect of reducing the fair market value of the subject property.

### **4. Exemptions Under ORS 197.352(3)**

ORS 197.352 does not apply to certain land use regulations. In addition, under ORS 197.352(3), certain types of laws are exempt from ORS 197.352.

As explained in Section V.(2) of this report, the claimant, Gladys Nelson, has not established that any state land use regulations restrict the use of the subject property. Accordingly, the department cannot determine that any exemptions under ORS 197.352(3) apply to this claim.

## **VI. FORM OF RELIEF**

ORS 197.352(1) provides for payment of compensation to an owner of private real property if the Commission or the department has enforced one or more laws that restrict 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 present owner acquired the property. The Commission, by rule, has directed that if the department determines a claim is valid, the Director of the department must provide only non-monetary relief unless and until funds are appropriated by the legislature to pay claims.

### **Findings of Fact**

Based on the record for this claim, the claimant has not established that any state laws enforced by the Commission or the department restrict the use of the subject property, and have the effect of reducing the fair market value of the subject property. Because the subject property is located within the City of Rogue River's UGB, neither the Commission nor the department enforces laws that require specific zoning of the property.

### **Conclusions**

Based on the record before the department, the claimant, Gladys Nelson, has not established that she is entitled to relief under ORS 197.352(1), as a result of land use regulations enforced by the Commission or the department. Therefore, the department recommends that this claim be denied.

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

The department issued its draft staff report on this claim on October 19, 2006. OAR 125-145-0100(3), provided an opportunity for the claimants or the claimants' 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.