

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

ORS 195.300 to ORS 195.336 (MEASURE 49) SUPPLEMENTAL REVIEW OF MEASURE 37 CLAIM Final Order of Denial

STATE ELECTION NUMBER:

E121708

CLAIMANT:

Erickson Enterprises, Inc. 33464 Mazour Drive Warren, OR 97053

MEASURE 37 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION:

Township 4N, Range 2W Section 25C, Tax lot 900 Section 25D, Tax lot 3000

Columbia County

PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:

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The claimant, Erickson Enterprises, Inc., filed a claim with the state under ORS 197.352 (2005) (Measure 37) on August 3, 2005, for property located on Fullerton Road, near Scappoose, in Columbia 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 its 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.

This Final Order of Denial is the conclusion of the supplemental review of this claim.

I. ANALYSIS OF CLAIM

A. Maximum Number of Home Sites 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 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 specific relief requested under Measure 49 appears to be the division of three one-acre home sites from the Measure 37 property. However, Measure 49 directs the department to authorize an otherwise prohibited number of home sites and does not provide for more specific relief

requested. Therefore, the claimant has requested four home site approvals in the election material. The Measure 37 waiver issued for this claim describes 38 home sites. Therefore, the claimant may qualify for a maximum of three home site approvals under Section 6 of Measure 49.

B. Qualification Requirements

To qualify for a home site approval under Section 6 of Measure 49, the claimant must meet each of the following requirements:

1. Timeliness of Claim

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.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions

The claimant, Erickson Enterprises, Inc., filed a Measure 37 claim, M121708, with the state on August 3, 2005. The claimant filed a Measure 37 claim, CL06-10, with Columbia County on August 29, 2005. The state claim was filed prior to December 4, 2006.

The claimant timely filed a Measure 37 claim with both the state and Columbia County.

2. 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."

Findings of Fact and Conclusions:

According to the deed submitted by the claimant, Erickson Enterprises, Inc. is the owner of fee title to the property as shown in the Columbia County deed records and, therefore, is an owner of the property under Measure 49.

Columbia County has confirmed that the claimant is the current owner of the property.

3. All Owners of the Property Have Consented in Writing to the Claim

All owners of the property must consent to the claim in writing.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions:

All owners of the property have consented to the claim in writing.

4. The Property Is Located Entirely Outside Any Urban Growth Boundary and Entirely Outside the Boundaries of Any City

The Measure 37 claim property must be located entirely outside any urban growth boundary and entirely outside the boundaries of any city.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions:

The Measure 37 claim property is located in Columbia County, outside the urban growth boundary and outside the city limits of the nearest city, Scappoose.

5. One or More Land Use Regulations Prohibit Establishing the Lot, Parcel or Dwelling

One or more land use regulations must prohibit establishing the requested lot, parcel or dwelling.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions:

The property is currently zoned 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. Columbia County's Rural Residential – 5 (RR-5) requires a minimum lot size of five acres.

The claimant's property consists of 42.3 acres. Therefore, no state law prohibits the claimant from establishing on the Measure 37 claim property the three home sites the claimant may qualify for under Section 6 of 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.

II. COMMENTS ON THE PRELIMINARY EVALUATION

The department issued its Preliminary Evaluation for this claim on June 12, 2009. Pursuant to OAR 660-041-0090, the department provided written notice to the owners of surrounding properties. The claimant submitted a comment in response to the Preliminary Evaluation asserting that it should qualify for three home sites in addition to what the claimant can obtain under current law. However, Section 6 of Measure 49 authorizes up to three home sites total on the claim property, not in addition to what is currently allowed. The department determined, and the claimant reiterated in its comment, that the claimant is not prohibited under current law from

obtaining three home sites on the claim property. Therefore the claimant does not qualify for relief under Measure 49.

III. CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis above, the claimant does not qualify for Measure 49 home site approvals because no land use regulation prohibits the claimant from establishing the lots, parcels or dwellings.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Final Order of Denial is entered by the Director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development as a final order of the department and the Land Conservation and Development Commission under ORS 197.300 to ORS 195.336 and OAR 660-041-0000 to 660-041-0160.

> FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND THE LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

h Moore, Measure 49 Division Manager Dept. of Land Conservation and Development Dated this day of August, 2009.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL OR OTHER JUDICIAL RELIEF

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

- 1. Judicial review is available to anyone who is an owner of the property as defined in Measure 49 that it the subject of this final determination, or a person who timely submitted written evidence or comments to the department concerning this final determination.
- 2. 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 must be filed in the Circuit Court in the county in which the affected property is located. Upon motion of any party to the proceedings, the proceedings may be transferred to any other county with jurisdiction under ORS 183.484 in the manner provided by law for change of venue.
- 3. Judicial review of this final determination is limited to the evidence in the record of the department at the time of its final determination. Copies of the documents that comprise the record are available for review at the department's office at 635 Capitol St. NE, Suite 150, Salem, OR 97301-2540. Judicial review is only available for issues that were raised before the department with sufficient specificity to afford the department an opportunity to respond.