



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: E132206A<sup>1</sup>

CLAIMANTS: Penny L. Lassett  
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Patricia A. Venable  
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MEASURE 37 PROPERTY  
IDENTIFICATION: Township 38S, Range 10E  
Sections 13, 14, 23 and 24  
Tax lot 2700<sup>2</sup>  
Township 38S, Range 11½ E  
Sections 18 and 19  
Tax lot 3800  
Klamath County

The claimants, Penny Lassett and Patricia Venable, filed a claim with the state under ORS 197.352 (2005) (Measure 37) on November 30, 2006, for property located near Dairy, in Klamath 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.

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

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<sup>1</sup> Claim E132206 has been split into two claims, E132206A and E132206B, because the Measure 37 claim sought relief for non-contiguous parcels. Claim E132206A addresses the claimants' eligibility for Measure 49 relief on tax lots 2700 and 3800 and E132206B addresses their relief on tax lots 400, 3201 and 3400.

<sup>2</sup> The Measure 37 claim property consisted of tax lots 2700 and 3800. Tax lot 2700 has since been partitioned into three parcels consisting of tax lots 2700, 2703 and 2704 (Section 13). The election includes tax lots 2700 and 2704. Tax lot 2703 is no longer owned by the claimants.

## I. ANALYSIS OF CLAIM

### A. Maximum Number of Home Sites 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 more than three home sites. Therefore, the claimants 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 claimants 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 claimants, Penny Lassett and Patricia Venable, filed a Measure 37 claim, M132206, with the state on November 30, 2006. The claimants filed a Measure 37 claim, M37 61-06, with Klamath County on December 4, 2006. The state claim was filed prior to December 4, 2006.

The claimants timely filed a Measure 37 claim with both the state and Klamath 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 trust documents submitted by the claimants, Penny Lasset and Patricia Venable are the trustees of an irrevocable trust into which the Measure 37 property has been conveyed and, therefore, are owners of the property under Measure 49.

Klamath County has confirmed that the claimants are the current owners 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 Klamath County, outside any urban growth boundary and outside any city limits, near the community of Dairy.

**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 Exclusive Farm Use – Cropland, Grazing (EFU-CG) by Klamath 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. Those provisions also regulate the establishment of dwellings on new or existing lots or parcels and include restrictions on establishing more than one dwelling on a single tract.

The claimants’ property consists of 1560 acres that make up a single tract. 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.

**6. 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.

**Findings of Fact and Conclusions**

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 is prohibited by land use regulations described in ORS 195.305(3).

**7. 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."

**Findings of Fact and Conclusions**

Klamath County deed records indicate that the claimants acquired the property on September 11, 2006.

On September 11, 2006, the Measure 37 claim property was subject to Klamath County's acknowledged Exclusive Farm Use – Cropland, Grazing (EFU-CG) zone. Klamath County's EFU-CG zone required 80 acres for the creation of a new lot or parcel on which a dwelling could be established. The claimants were not lawfully permitted to establish more than one dwelling on a tract on their date of acquisition. The claimants' property consists of 1560 acres, and is developed with a dwelling. Therefore, the claimants lawfully could not have established any additional home sites on their date of acquisition.

**II. COMMENTS ON THE PRELIMINARY EVALUATION**

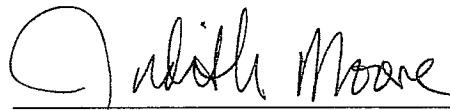
The department issued its Preliminary Evaluation for this claim on December 16, 2009. Pursuant to OAR 660-041-0090, the department provided written notice to the owners of surrounding properties. No written comments were received in response to the 28-day notice.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

Based on the analysis above, the claimants do not qualify for Measure 49 home site approvals because the claimants were not lawfully permitted to establish the lots, parcels or dwellings on the claimants' date of acquisition.

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:



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Judith Moore, Division Manager  
Dept. of Land Conservation and Development  
Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2010

#### **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.