



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: E132407 and E132408<sup>1</sup>

CLAIMANT: Walla C. Upchurch  
1910 SW Elk Road  
West Linn, OR 97068

MEASURE 37 PROPERTY  
IDENTIFICATION: Township 2S, Range 1E  
Section 28C, Tax lot 1700  
Section 29D, Tax lot 303  
Clackamas County

The claimant, Walla Upchurch, filed claims with the state under ORS 197.352 (2005) (Measure 37) on December 1, 2006, for property located at 1910 SW Ek Road, near West Linn, in Clackamas 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 her 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 claimant has requested three home site approvals in the election materials. No waiver was issued for these claims. The Measure 37 claims filed with the state describes four home sites. Therefore, the claimant may qualify for a maximum of three home site approvals under Section 6 of Measure 49.

<sup>1</sup> Claims E132407 and E132408 have been combined into one claim because the properties are contiguous. Per OAR 660-041-0150 the Department of Land Conservation and Development will combine multiple claims into one claim if the Measure 37 claim property contains multiple contiguous lots or parcels that are in the same ownership.

## **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, Walla Upchurch, filed Measure 37 claims, M132407 and M132408, with the state on December 1, 2006. The claimant filed Measure 37 claims, ZC597-06 and ZC598-06, with Clackamas County on November 30, 2006. The state claim was filed prior to December 4, 2006.

The claimant timely filed a Measure 37 claim with both the state and Clackamas 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 deeds submitted by the claimant, Walla Upchurch is the owner of fee title to the property as shown in the Clackamas County deed records and, therefore, is an owner of the property under Measure 49.

Clackamas 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 Clackamas County, outside the urban growth boundary and outside the city limits of the nearest city, West Linn.

### **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 Rural Residential Farm Forest (RRFF-5) by Clackamas County, 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. Clackamas County's RRFF-5 zone requires a minimum lot size of five acres.

The claimant's property consists of 11.56 acres. Therefore, state land use regulations prohibit the claimant from establishing on the Measure 37 claim property one of the three home sites the claimant 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 claimant, it does not appear that the establishment of the three home sites for which the claimant 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**

Clackamas County deed records indicate that the claimant acquired tax lot 303 (5.04 acres) on May 20, 1981, and tax lot 1700 (6.52 acres) on September 6, 2002.

The claimant acquired tax lot 303 of the Measure 37 claim property after adoption of the statewide planning goals, but before the Commission acknowledged Clackamas County's comprehensive plan and land use regulations to be in compliance with those goals pursuant to ORS 197.250 and 197.251. At that time, tax lot 303 of the Measure 37 claim property was zoned Rural Residential Farm Forest (RRFF-5) by Clackamas County, which required a minimum parcel size of five acres for the creation of a new lot or parcel. However, the Land Conservation and Development Commission (the Commission) had not acknowledged Clackamas County's comprehensive plan and land use regulations for compliance with the goals, when the claimants acquired tax lot 303 of the Measure 37 claim property on May 20, 1981. Accordingly, the statewide planning goals, and in particular Goal 14, applied directly to the Measure 37 claim property when the claimant acquired it.

On December 21, 1982, the Commission acknowledged the application of Clackamas County's Rural Residential Farm Forest (RRFF-5) zone to tax lot 303 of the Measure 37 claim property. The Commission's acknowledgement of Clackamas County's RRFF-5 zone confirmed that zone's compliance with Goal 14. Tax lot 303 of the Measure 37 claim property consists of approximately 5.04 acres. Therefore, on the claimant's acquisition date of tax lot 303 of the Measure 37 claim property she could not have established more than one home site in the zone that was ultimately acknowledged to comply with the statewide planning goals and implementing regulations.

On March 18, 2002, the entire Measure 37 claim property was subject to Clackamas County's acknowledged Rural Residential Farm Forest (RRFF-5) zone. Clackamas County's RRFF-5 zone required five acres for the creation of a new lot or parcel on which a dwelling could be established. The claimant's property consists of 11.56 acres, and is developed with one dwelling. Therefore, the claimant lawfully could have established no more than two home sites on her date of acquisition. However, it appears that no state laws currently prohibit the claimant from establishing two home sites on the Measure 37 claim property

## **II. COMMENTS ON THE PRELIMINARY EVALUATION**

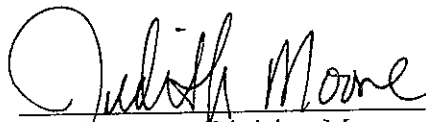
The department issued its Preliminary Evaluation for this claim on December 23, 2009. Pursuant to OAR 660-041-0090, the department provided written notice to the owners of surrounding properties. No written comments were received in response to the 28-day notice.

## **III. CONCLUSION**

Based on the analysis above, the claimant, Walla Upchurch, does not qualify for Measure 49 home site approvals because the lawfully permitted use of the claimant's property has not changed since she acquired it and no land use regulations currently prohibit the claimant from establishing the two dwellings the claimant would otherwise qualify for under Measure 49.

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:



Judith Moore, Division Manager  
Dept. of Land Conservation and Development  
Dated this 7<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.