OREGON DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND 
DEVELOPMENT

ORS 195.300 to ORS 195.336 (MEASURE 49) SUPPLEMENTAL REVIEW 
OF MEASURE 37 CLAIM
Final Order and Home Site Authorization

STATE ELECTION NUMBERS: E132940A and E1329421,2,3,4

CLAIMANT: Davidson Industries, Inc.5
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MEASURE 37 PROPERTY
IDENTIFICATION: Township 20S, Range 12W,
Section 1, Tax lot 500
Lane County

Township 20S, Range 12W,
Section 1D, Tax lot 100
Douglas County

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1 Claim E132940 has been split into two claims, E132940A and E132940B, because the Measure 37 claim sought relief for non-contiguous parcels. Claim E132940A addresses the claimant’s eligibility for Measure 49 relief on tax lot 500 and E132940B addresses its relief on tax lots 400, 600 and 700.
2 Claim E132941 has been split into two claims, E132941A and E132941B, because the Measure 37 claim sought relief for non-contiguous parcels. Claim E132941A addresses the claimant’s eligibility for Measure 49 relief on tax lot 500 and E132941B addresses its relief on tax lots 400, 600 and 700.
3 Claimant filed claims 132940A, 132941A and M134091 for the same property. Measure 49 section 6(5) provides: “If multiple claims were filed for the same property, the number of lots, parcels or dwellings that may be established for purposes of subsection (2)(a) of this section is the number of lots, parcels or dwellings in the most recent waiver issued by the state before the effective date of this 2007 Act or, if a waiver was not issued, the most recent claim filed with the state, but not more than three in any case.” This Final Order and Home Site Authorization addresses 132940A because that claim is the most recent claim filed with the state.
4 Claims E132940A and E132942 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.
5 The claimant also has claims E121408, E129640, E131633, E131635, E131771, E131772, E131773, E132940, E132941, E132943, E132944, E132945, E132947, E134090, E134092, E134093, E134094, E134197, E134198, E134199, E134200, E134201, E134202, E134203, E134204, E134205, E134206, E134207, E134208, E134209, E134210, E134216 and E134217 for property that is not contiguous to the claim property.
The claimant, Davidson Industries Inc., filed claims with the state under ORS 197.352 (2005) (Measure 37) on December 1, 2006, for property located on ADA Station Road, near Sitcoos, in Lane County and Douglas 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 claims 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 and Home Site Authorization 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 material. No waiver was issued for this claim. The Measure 37 claim filed with the state describes more than three 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, Davidson Industries Inc., filed Measure 37 claims, M132940, M132941, M132942 and M134091, with the state on December 1, 2006. The claimant filed Measure 37 claims, PA06-7305, with Lane County on December 1, 2006, and, M37-221, with Douglas County before June 1, 2007. The state claim was filed prior to December 4, 2006.

The claimant timely filed Measure 37 claims with the state, Lane County and Douglas 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, Davidson Industries Inc. is the owner of fee title to the property as shown in the Lane County and Douglas County’s deed records and, therefore, is an owner of the property under Measure 49.

Lane County and Douglas County have 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 Lane County and Douglas County, outside the urban growth boundary and outside of any city near the community of Sitoos.

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:

Tax lot 100 of the property is currently zoned Farm/Forest (FF) by Douglas County, in accordance with Goals 3 and 4, as implemented by OAR 660-006-0050. State land use regulations, including applicable provisions of ORS chapter 215 and OAR 660, divisions 6
and 33, generally prohibit the establishment of a lot or parcel less than 80 acres in size in a mixed
farm/forest zone and regulate the establishment of dwellings on new or existing lots or parcels.

This portion of the claimant’s property consists of 62.61 acres.

Tax lot 500 of the property is currently zoned Non-Impacted Forest (F1) by Lane County, in
accordance with ORS chapter 215 and OAR 660, division 6, because the property is “forest
land” under Goal 4. Applicable provisions of ORS chapter 215 and OAR 660 division 6, enacted
or adopted pursuant to Goal 4, generally prohibit the establishment of a lot or parcel less than 80
acres in size in a forest zone and regulate the establishment of dwellings on new or existing lots
or parcels.

This portion of the claimant’s property consists of 82.10 acres.

Therefore, state land use regulations prohibit 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.

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

Lane County and Douglas County deed records indicate that the claimant acquired tax lot 500 (82.10 acres) on March 13, 1965, and tax lot 100 (62.61 acres) on August 19, 1974.

On March 13, 1965, the Measure 37 claim property consisted of tax lot 500 and was not subject to any local or state laws that would have prohibited the claimant from establishing at least three lots or parcels and at least three dwellings. Therefore, the claimant lawfully could have established the three home sites the claimant qualifies for under Section 6 of Measure 49.

On August 19, 1974, the Measure 37 claim property consisted of tax lots 100 and 500. Tax lot 100 was subject to state statutes and Douglas County’s Agriculture Grazing and Timber (AGT) zone. Tax lot 500 was subject to state statutes.

Douglas County’s AGT zone required at least 10 acres for the creation of a new lot or parcel on which a dwelling could be established. The claimant’s property consists of 62.61 acres. Therefore, under the local zoning then in effect, the claimant lawfully could have established three home sites on its date of acquisition.

However, state law in effect when the claimant acquired the property, specifically ORS 197.175(1) and 197.280 (1973 edition), required that counties exercise their planning responsibilities in accordance with the interim land use planning goals set forth in ORS 215.515 (1973 edition). Those interim land use planning goals included: “To preserve the quality of the air, water and land resources of the state”; “To conserve prime farm lands for the production of crops”; “To provide for the orderly and efficient transition from rural to urban land use”; “To protect life and property in areas subject to floods, landslides and other natural disasters”; and “To develop a timely, orderly and efficient arrangement of public facilities and services to serve as a framework for urban and rural development” ORS 215.515 (1973 edition).

The interim planning goals would not have prohibited the claimant from lawfully establishing three home sites on the Measure 37 claim property when it acquired tax lot 100 of the property on August 19, 1974. Rather, the applicable provisions of the interim goals are furthered by provisions of Section 6 of Measure 49, which limits the number of home sites authorized, and by Section 11(3), which regulates the size and location of lots or parcels on high value farm or forest land. Measure 49 Section 11(3) requires new parcels on high-value farm or forest land to be no larger than two acres and “clustered so as to maximize suitability of the remnant lot or parcel for farm or forest use.”

II. COMMENTS ON THE PRELIMINARY EVALUATION

The department issued its Preliminary Evaluation for this claim on October 30, 2009. Pursuant to OAR 660-041-0090, the department provided written notice to the owners of surrounding properties. Comments received have been taken into account by the department in the issuance of this Final Order and Home Site Authorization. One comment received expressed concern regarding enforcement of the provision of Measure 49 that a claimant is not eligible for more than 20 home site approvals. Davidson Industries, Inc. did not qualify for more than 20 home
sites statewide. However, a claimant may not receive more than 20 home site development approvals statewide. Under OAR 660-041-0170:

"The county with land use jurisdiction over property for which a Measure 49 Authorization has been issued must provide written notice to DLCD of any land use application that seeks approval of one or more home sites under the Measure 49 Authorization, and all final written decisions on home site approvals based on a Measure 49 Authorization."

III. CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis above, the claimant qualifies for up to three home sites. However, the number of lots, parcels or dwellings that a claimant may establish pursuant to a home site authorization is reduced by the number of lots, parcels or dwellings currently in existence on the Measure 37 claim property and any contiguous property under the same ownership according to the methodology stated in Section 6(2)(b) and 6(3) of Measure 49.

Based on the documentation provided by the claimant and information from Lane County and Douglas County, the Measure 37 claim property includes two lots or parcels and no dwellings. There is no contiguous property under the same ownership. Therefore, the three home site approvals the claimant qualifies for under Section 6 of Measure 49 will authorize the claimant to establish one additional lot or parcel and three dwellings on the Measure 37 claim property.

IV. HOME SITE AUTHORIZATION

Based on the analysis set forth above, this claim is approved, and the claimant qualifies for three home site approvals. As explained in section III above, after taking into account the number of existing lots, parcels or dwellings, the claimant is authorized for one additional lot or parcel and three dwellings on the property on which the claimant is eligible for Measure 49 relief, subject to the following terms:

1. Each dwelling must be on a separate lot or parcel, and must be contained within the property on which the claimant is eligible for Measure 49 relief. The establishment of a land division or dwelling based on this home site authorization must comply with all applicable standards governing the siting or development of the land division or dwelling. However, those standards must not be applied in a manner that prohibits the establishment of the land division or dwelling, unless the standards are reasonably necessary to avoid or abate a nuisance, to protect public health or safety, or to carry out federal law.

2. This home site authorization will not authorize the establishment of a land division or dwelling in violation of a land use regulation described in ORS 195.305(3) or in violation of any other law that is not a land use regulation as defined by ORS 195.300(14).

3. A claimant is not eligible for more than 20 home site approvals under Sections 5 to 11 of Measure 49 regardless of how many properties a claimant owns or how many claims a claimant filed. If the claimant has developed the limit of twenty home sites under
Measure 49, the claimant is no longer eligible for the home site approvals that are the subject of this order.

4. The number of lots, parcels or dwellings a claimant may establish under this home site authorization is reduced by the number of lots, parcels and dwellings currently in existence on the Measure 37 claim property and contiguous property in the same ownership, regardless of whether evidence of their existence has been provided to the department. If, based on the information available to the department, the department has calculated the number of currently existing lots, parcels or dwellings to be either greater than or less than the number of lots, parcels or dwellings actually in existence on the Measure 37 claim property or contiguous property under the same ownership, then the number of additional lots, parcels or dwellings a claimant may establish pursuant to this home site authorization must be adjusted according to the methodology stated in Section 6(2)(b) and 6(3) of Measure 49. Statements in this final order regarding the number of lots, parcels or dwellings currently existing on the Measure 37 claim property and contiguous property are not a determination on the current legal status of those lots, parcels or dwellings.

5. Temporary dwellings are not considered in determining the number of existing dwellings currently on the property. The claimant may choose to convert any temporary dwelling currently located on the property on which the claimant is eligible for Measure 49 relief to an authorized home site pursuant to a home site approval. Otherwise, any temporary dwelling is subject to the terms of the local permit requirements under which it was approved, and is subject to removal at the end of the term for which it is allowed.

6. A home site approval only authorizes the establishment of a new lot, parcel or dwelling on the property on which the claimant is eligible for Measure 49 relief. No additional development is authorized on contiguous property for which no Measure 37 claim was filed or on Measure 37 claim property on which the claimant is not eligible for Measure 49 relief. A lot or parcel established pursuant to a home site approval must either be the site of a dwelling that is currently in existence or be the site of a dwelling that may be established pursuant to the home site approval.

7. The claimant may use a home site approval to convert a lot, parcel or dwelling currently located on the property on which the claimant is eligible for Measure 49 relief to an authorized home site. If the number of lots, parcels or dwellings existing on the property on which the claimant is eligible for Measure 49 relief exceeds the number of home site approvals the claimant qualifies for under a home site authorization, the claimant may select which existing lots, parcels or dwellings to convert to authorized home sites; or may reconfigure existing lots, parcels or dwellings so that the number is equivalent to the number of home site approvals.

8. The claimant may not implement the relief described in this Measure 49 Home Site Authorization if a claimant has been determined to have a common law vested right to a use described in a Measure 37 waiver for the property. Therefore, if a claimant has been determined in a final judgment or final order that is not subject to further appeal to have a common law vested right as described in Section 5(3) of Measure 49 to any use on the
Measure 37 claim property, then this Measure 49 Home Site Authorization is void. However, so long as no claimant has been determined in such a final judgment or final order to have a common law vested right to a use described in a Measure 37 waiver for the property, a use that has been completed on the property pursuant to a Measure 37 waiver may be converted to an authorized home site.

9. A home site approval does not authorize the establishment of a new dwelling on a lot or parcel that already contains one or more dwellings. The claimant may be required to alter the configuration of the lots or parcels currently in existence on the Measure 37 claim property and contiguous property so that each additional dwelling established on the property on which the claimant is eligible for Measure 49 relief, pursuant to this home site authorization, is sited on a separate lot or parcel.

10. Because the property is located in a forest zone and a mixed farm and forest zone, the home site authorization does not authorize new lots or parcels that exceed five acres. However, existing or remnant lots or parcels may exceed five acres. Before beginning construction, the owner must comply with the requirements of ORS 215.293. Further, the home site authorization will not authorize new lots or parcels that exceed two acres if the new lots or parcels are located on high-value farmland, on high-value forestland or on land within a ground water restricted area. However, existing or remnant lots or parcels may exceed two acres.

11. Because the property is located in a forest zone and a mixed farm and forest zone, Measure 49 requires new home sites to be clustered so as to maximize suitability of the remnant lot or parcel for farm or forest use. Further, if an owner of the property is authorized by other home site authorizations to subdivide, partition, or establish dwellings on other Measure 37 claim properties, Measure 49 authorizes the owner to cluster some or all of the authorized lots, parcels or dwellings that would otherwise be located on land in an exclusive farm use zone, a forest zone or a mixed farm and forest zone on a single Measure 37 claim property that is zoned residential use or is located in an exclusive farm use zone, a forest zone or a mixed farm and forest zone but is less suitable for farm or forest use than the other Measure 37 claim properties.

12. If the claimant transferred ownership interest in the Measure 37 claim property prior to the date of this order, this order is rendered invalid and authorizes no home site approvals. Provided this order is valid when issued, a home site approval authorized under this order runs with the property and transfers with the property. A home site approval will not expire, except that if a claimant who received this home site authorization later conveys the property to a party other than the claimant’s spouse or the trustee of a revocable trust in which the claimant is the settlor, the subsequent owner of the property must establish the authorized lots, parcels and dwellings within 10 years of the conveyance. A lot or parcel lawfully created based on this home site authorization will remain a discrete lot or parcel, unless the lot or parcel lines are vacated or the lot or parcel is further divided, as provided by law. A dwelling lawfully created based on a home site approval is a permitted use.
13. To the extent that any law, order, deed, agreement or other legally enforceable public or private requirement provides that the subject property may not be used without a permit, license or other form of authorization or consent, this home site authorization will not authorize the use of the property unless the claimant 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 227.160, other permits or authorizations from local, state or federal agencies, and restrictions on the use of the subject property imposed by private parties.
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Final Order and Home Site Authorization 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 15th day of March 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.