



**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 NUMBER:**

E133402A<sup>1</sup>

**CLAIMANTS:**

Robert J. and Gretchen D. O'Brien  
19251 SE Highway 224  
Damascus, OR 97089

**MEASURE 37 PROPERTY  
IDENTIFICATION:**

Township 2S, Range 3E, Section 17  
Tax lots 2900 and 3100<sup>2</sup>  
Clackamas County

The claimants, Robert and Gretchen O'Brien, filed a claim with the state under ORS 197.352 (2005) (Measure 37) on December 2, 2006, for property located at 19251 SE Highway 224, near Damascus, 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 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 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 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 five home site approvals in the election material. No waiver was issued

<sup>1</sup> The department has split claim E133402 into two claims, E133402A and E133402B, because the Measure 37 claim sought relief for two non-contiguous parcels. Claim E133402A addresses the claimants' eligibility for Measure 49 relief on tax lots 2900 and 3100 and E133402B addresses their relief on tax lot 2500.

<sup>2</sup> Because Measure 37 claims provide the basis for identifying Measure 37 claim property that is eligible for Measure 49 review, the department looks to the facts on the date of filing of a Measure 37 claim to determine what constitutes the Measure 37 claim property. Tax lots 2900 and 3100 were under the same ownership at the time of the Measure 37 filing.

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, Robert and Gretchen O'Brien, filed a Measure 37 claim, M133402, with the state on December 2, 2006. The claimants filed a Measure 37 claim, ZC496-06, with Clackamas County on December 1, 2006. The state claim was filed prior to December 4, 2006.

The claimants 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 claimants, Robert O'Brien is the owner of fee title to tax lot 2900 of the property as shown in the Clackamas County deed records and, therefore, is an owner of the property under Measure 49.

According to the information submitted by the claimants, Gretchen O'Brien is no longer an owner of tax lot 2900 of the property for the purposes of Measure 49. Gretchen O'Brien conveyed her ownership interest in the property to Robert O'Brien by quitclaim deed on May 29, 2008.

According to the deeds submitted by the claimants, Robert and Gretchen O'Brien are the owners of fee title to tax lot 3100 of the property as shown in the Clackamas County deed records and, therefore, are owners of the property under Measure 49.

Clackamas County has confirmed that Robert and Gretchen O'Brien are the current owners of tax lot 3100 of the property, and that Robert O'Brien is the current owner of tax lot 2900 of the claim 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, Damascus.

### **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 Timber District (TBR) by Clackamas 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.

The Measure 37 claim property consists of 8.17 acres. 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**

Clackamas County deed records indicate that the claimant Robert O'Brien acquired tax lot 2900 (3.94 acres) on December 31, 1973. Clackamas County deed records indicate that the claimants Robert and Gretchen O'Brien acquired tax lot 3100 (4.23 acres) on April 2, 1979.

On December 31, 1973, tax lot 2900 of the Measure 37 claim property was subject to state statutes and Clackamas County's Urban Low Density Residential (R-30) zone. Clackamas County's R-30 zone required at least 30,000 square feet for the creation of a new lot or parcel on which a dwelling could be established. Tax lot 2900 consists of 3.94 acres. Therefore, under the local zoning then in effect, the claimant Robert O'Brien lawfully could have established the maximum limit of three home sites on his date of acquisition of tax lot 2900.

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 tax lot 2900 of the Measure 37 claim property when he acquired it on December 31, 1973. 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.”

~~The claimants Robert and Gretchen O’Brien acquired tax lot 3100 of the Measure 37 claim property after adoption of the statewide planning goals, but before the Land Conservation and Development Commission (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, the Measure 37 claim property was zoned Urban Low Density Residential (R-30) by Clackamas County. Clackamas County’s R-30 zone included a fixed minimum acreage standard of 30,000 square feet. However, the Commission had not acknowledged that zone for compliance with the goals. When the claimants acquired the property on April 2, 1979, the statewide planning goals, and in particular Goals 3 and 4, and ORS chapter 215, applied directly to tax lot 3100 of the Measure 37 claim property.~~

On December 31, 1981, the Commission acknowledged the application of Clackamas County’s Transitional Timber District (TT-20) zone to tax lot 3100 of the Measure 37 claim property. The Commission’s acknowledgement of Clackamas County’s TT-20 zone confirmed that zone’s compliance with Goal 4 and ORS chapter 215. Clackamas County’s acknowledged TT-20 zone required 20 acres for the creation of a new lot or parcel on which a dwelling could be established. Tax lot 3100 consists of 4.23 acres. Therefore, on the claimants’ acquisition date, they could not have established any home sites on this portion of the Measure 37 claim property in the zone that was ultimately acknowledged to comply with the statewide planning goals and implementing regulations.

However, because of uncertainty during the time period between adoption of the statewide planning goals in 1975 and each county’s acknowledgment of its plan and land use regulations regarding the factual and legal requirements for establishing compliance with the statewide planning goals, the 2010 Legislative Assembly amended Measure 49. Senate Bill (SB) 1049 (2010) specifies the number of home sites considered lawfully permitted, for purposes of Measure 49, for property acquired during this period unless the record for the claim otherwise demonstrates the number of home sites that a claimant would have been lawfully permitted to establish. Those amendments provide, in relevant part, that subject to consistency with local land use regulations in effect when they acquired the Measure 37 claim property, claimants whose property consists of less than 20 acres were lawfully permitted to establish one home site, including existing development.

The Measure 37 claim property consists of 8.17 acres and is developed with one dwelling. Therefore, based on the analysis under SB 1049, the claimants were not lawfully permitted to establish any additional home sites on the Measure 37 claim property on their date of acquisition of tax lot 3100.

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

The department issued its Preliminary Evaluation for this claim on March 22, 2010. Pursuant to OAR 660-041-0090, the department provided written notice to the owners of surrounding properties. The department approved an extension of the comment period to May 14, 2010. Comments received have been taken into account by the department in the issuance of this Final Order and Home Site Authorization. Specifically, the claimants commented that the department should not consider certain tax lots to be contiguous because these tax lots are not currently under the same ownership and that the claim should be split as a result. The department disagrees with this assertion. Section 2(17) of Measure 49 defines "property" as "the private real property described in a claim \* \* \* that is owned by the same owner." Section 2(2) of Measure 49 defines "claim" as "a written demand for compensation filed under ORS 197.352 [Measure 37]." Because Measure 37 claims provide the basis for identifying Measure 37 claim property that is eligible for Measure 49 review, the department looks to the facts on the date of filing of a Measure 37 claim to determine what constitutes the Measure 37 claim property. At the time the claimants filed their Measure 37 claim, the Measure 37 claim property was under the same ownership and are therefore considered contiguous for purposes of Measure 49. The claimants also commented that an unnamed county road that runs between tax lot 3100 and tax lot 2900 constitutes an intervening ownership that should further split this claim. However, the deeds by which the claimants acquired these tax lots appear to include the county road and therefore the department will not further split the claim.

## **III. CONCLUSION**

Based on the analysis above, the claimants do not qualify for any additional home sites on tax lot 3100 of the Measure 37 claim property because they were not lawfully permitted to establish any additional lots, parcels, or dwellings on their date of acquisition.

Based on the analysis above, claimant Robert O'Brien qualifies for up to three home sites on tax lot 2900 of the Measure 37 claim property. 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 claimants and information from Clackamas County, the Measure 37 claim property currently includes two lots or parcels and one dwelling. There is no contiguous property under the same ownership. Therefore, the three home site approvals claimant Robert O'Brien qualifies for under Section 6 of Measure 49 will authorize the claimant to establish one additional lot or parcel and two additional dwellings on tax lot 2900 of the Measure 37 claim property.

Based on the analysis above, claimant Gretchen O'Brien does not qualify for relief on tax lot 2900 of the Measure 37 claim property because she no longer owns this portion of the Measure 37 claim property.

#### IV. HOME SITE AUTHORIZATION

Based on the analysis set forth above, this claim is approved, and claimant Robert O'Brien qualifies for three home site approvals on tax lot 2900 of the Measure 37 claim property. As explained in section III above, after taking into account the number of existing lots, parcels or dwellings, claimant Robert O'Brien is authorized for one additional lot or parcel and two additional 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 claimants are 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 claimants have developed the limit of twenty home sites under Measure 49, the claimants are 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 claimants are 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 claimants are eligible for Measure 49 relief exceeds the number of home site approvals the claimants qualify for under a home site authorization, the claimants 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 claimants are 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 an exclusive farm use 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

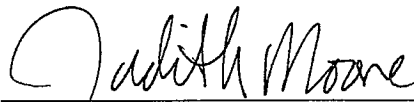


high-value farmland, on high-value forestland or on land within a ground water restricted area. However, existing or remnant lots or parcels may exceed two acres.

11. Because the property is located in an exclusive farm use 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 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 is 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.