

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES,
THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF
THE STATE OF OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM FOR) FINAL ORDER
COMPENSATION UNDER ORS 197.352) CLAIM NO. M129394
(BALLOT MEASURE 37) OF)
Delbert and Trudy Edwards, CLAIMANTS)

Claimants: Delbert and Trudy Edwards (the Claimants)

Property: Township 9S, Range 3W, Section 31, Tax lot 900, Linn County
(the property)

Claim: The demand for compensation and any supporting information received
from the Claimants by the State of Oregon (the Claim).

Claimants submitted the Claim to the State of Oregon under ORS 197.352. Under OAR 125-145-0010 *et seq.*, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) referred the Claim to the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) as the regulating entity. This order is based on the record herein, including the Findings and Conclusions set forth in the Final Staff Report and Recommendation of DLCD (the DLCD Report) attached to and by this reference incorporated into this order.

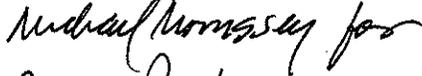
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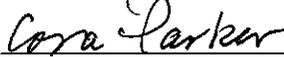
The Claim is denied as to laws administered by DLCD and the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) for the reasons set forth in the DLCD Report.

This Order is entered by the Deputy Director of the DLCD as a final order of DLCD and the Land Conservation and Development Commission under ORS 197.352, OAR 660-002-0010(8), and OAR chapter 125, division 145, and by the Administrator for the State Services Division of the DAS as a final order of DAS under ORS 197.352, OAR chapter 125, division 145, and ORS chapter 293.

FOR DLCD AND THE LAND
CONSERVATION AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Lane Shetterly, Director



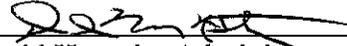


Cora R. Parker, Deputy Director

DLCD

Dated this 14th day of November, 2006.

FOR the DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:



David Hartwig, Administrator

DAS, State Services Division

Dated this 14th day of November, 2006.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL OR OTHER JUDICIAL RELIEF

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

1. Judicial review under ORS 183.484: 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 may be filed in the Circuit Court for Marion County or the Circuit Court in the county in which you reside.
2. A cause of action under ORS 197.352 (Measure 37 (2004)): If a land use regulation continues to apply to the subject property more than 180 days after the present owner of the property has made written demand for compensation under ORS 197.352, the present owner of the property, or any interest therein, shall have a cause of action in the circuit court in which the real property is located.

(Copies of the documents that comprise the record are available for review at the Department's office at 635 Capitol Street NE, Suite 150, Salem, Oregon 97301-2540)

ORS 197.352 (BALLOT MEASURE 37) CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION

**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
Final Staff Report and Recommendation**

November 14, 2006

STATE CLAIM NUMBER: M129394

NAMES OF CLAIMANTS: Delbert and Trudy Edwards

MAILING ADDRESS: 32633 Cooper Drive NE
Albany, Oregon 97321

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION: Township 9S, Range 3W, Section 31
Tax lot 900
Linn County

DATE RECEIVED BY DAS: May 25, 2006

180-DAY DEADLINE: November 21, 2006

I. SUMMARY OF CLAIM

The claimants, Delbert and Trudy Edwards, seek compensation in the amount of \$168,648 for the reduction in fair market value as a result of land use regulations that are alleged to restrict the use of certain private real property. The claimants desire compensation or the right to partition an approximately 28-acre parcel from the 73.94-acre subject property.¹ The subject property is located on Turnridge Road, near Albany, in Linn County. (See claim.)

II. SUMMARY OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings and conclusions set forth below, the Department of Land Conservation and Development (the department) has determined that this claim is not valid because the claimants have not established their ownership of the subject property. (See the complete recommendation in Section VI of this report.)

III. COMMENTS ON THE CLAIM

Comments Received

On September 6, 2006, pursuant to Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 125-145-0080, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) provided written notice to the owners of surrounding properties. According to DAS, no written comments were received in response to the 10-day notice.

¹ In response to the draft staff report dated October 26, 2006, pursuant to OAR 125-145-0080, the claimants' submitted a letter, dated October 31, 2006, requesting to clarify their intended use of the property.

IV. TIMELINESS OF CLAIM

Requirement

ORS 197.352(5), requires that a written demand for compensation be made:

1. For claims arising from land use regulations enacted prior to the effective date of Measure 37 (December 2, 2004), within two years of that effective date, or the date the public entity applies the land use regulation as an approval criteria to an application submitted by the owner, whichever is later; or
2. For claims arising from land use regulations enacted after the effective date of Measure 37 (December 2, 2004), within two years of the enactment of the land use regulation, or the date the owner of the property submits a land use application in which the land use regulation is an approval criterion, whichever is later.

Findings of Fact

This claim was submitted to DAS on May 25, 2006, for processing under OAR 125, division 145. The claim identifies ORS 215 and OAR 660-006-0026, 660-006-0027 and 660-033-0120 as the basis for the claim. Only laws that were enacted or adopted prior to December 2, 2004, are the basis for this claim.

Conclusions

The claim has been submitted within two years of the effective date of Measure 37 (December 2, 2004), based on land use regulations enacted or adopted prior to December 2, 2004, and is therefore timely filed.

V. ANALYSIS OF CLAIM

1. Ownership

ORS 197.352 provides for payment of compensation or relief from specific laws for "owners" as that term is defined in ORS 197.352. ORS 197.352(11)(C) defines "owner" as "the present owner of the property, or any interest therein."

Findings of Fact

The claimants, Delbert and Trudy Edwards, first acquired the subject property on September 15, 1993. However, on June 15, 2004, the claimants (as trustees of a revocable trust to which the claimants previously transferred the subject property) transferred the subject property to D.J. Edwards Family, LLC, as reflected by a warranty deed included with the claim.

The Linn County Assessor's Office confirms D.J. Edwards Family, LLC's current ownership of the subject property. The claimants, Delbert and Trudy Edwards, no longer own the subject property.

Conclusions

The claimants, Delbert and Trudy Edwards, are not “owners” of the subject property as that term is defined in ORS 197.352(11)(C).

2. The Laws That are the Basis for This Claim

In order to establish a valid claim, ORS 197.352(1) requires, in part, that a law must restrict the claimants’ use of private real property in a manner that reduces the fair market value of the property relative to how the property could have been used at the time the claimants or a family member acquired the property.

As explained in Section V.(1), the claimants, Delbert and Trudy Edwards, are not “owners” of the subject property as that term is defined in ORS 197.352(11)(C). Therefore, no laws enforced by the Land Conservation and Development Commission (the Commission) or the department restrict the claimants’ use of private real property with the effect of reducing the fair market value of the property.

3. Effect of Regulations on Fair Market Value

In order to establish a valid claim, ORS 197.352(1) requires that the land use regulations (described in Section V.(2) of this report) must have “the effect of reducing the fair market value of the property, or any interest therein.”

As explained in Section V.(1), the claimants, Delbert and Trudy Edwards, are not “owners” of the subject property as that term is defined in ORS 197.352(11)(C). Therefore, no laws restrict their use of the subject property with the effect of reducing the fair market value of the property.

4. Exemptions Under ORS 197.352(3)

ORS 197.352 does not apply to certain land use regulations. In addition, under ORS 197.352(3), certain types of laws are exempt from ORS 197.352.

As explained in Section V.(1), the claimants, Delbert and Trudy Edwards, are not “owners” of the subject property as that term is defined in ORS 197.352(11)(C). Therefore, the issue of whether any laws are exempt from ORS 197.352 is not relevant.

VI. FORM OF RELIEF

ORS 197.352(1) provides for payment of compensation to an owner of private real property if the Commission or the department has enforced one or more laws that restrict the use of the property in a manner that reduces its fair market value. In lieu of compensation, the department may choose to not apply the law in order to allow the present owner to carry out a use of the property permitted at the time the present owner acquired the property. The Commission, by rule, has directed that if the department determines a claim is valid, the Director of the department must provide only non-monetary relief unless and until funds are appropriated by the legislature to pay claims.

Findings of Fact

Based on the record, the department finds that the claim is not valid because the claimants are not owners of the subject property.

Conclusions

Based on the record before the department, the claimants, Delbert and Trudy Edwards, have not established that they are entitled to relief under ORS 197.352(1) as a result of land use regulations enforced by the Commission or the department because they are not owners of the subject property. Therefore, the department recommends that this claim be denied.

VII. COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT STAFF REPORT

The department issued its draft staff report on this claim on October 26, 2006. OAR 125-145-0100(3), provided an opportunity for the claimants or the claimants' authorized agent and any third parties who submitted comments under OAR 125-145-0080 to submit written comments, evidence and information in response to the draft staff report and recommendation. No comments were received.