

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. M129577
(BALLOT MEASURE 37) OF)	
Frank and Kathleen Brunetto, CLAIMANTS)	

Claimants: Frank and Kathleen Brunetto (the Claimants)

Property: Township 4S, Range 2E, Section 3, Tax lots 1804 and 1818, Clackamas 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.

ORDER

The Claim is approved as to laws administered by DLCD and the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) for the reasons set forth in the DLCD Report, and subject to the following terms:

1. In lieu of compensation under ORS 197.352, the State of Oregon will not apply the following laws to Frank and Kathleen Brunetto's division of the 14.42-acre subject property into two parcels for residential development: applicable provisions of Goal 14 and OAR 660-004-0040, enacted or adopted after May 8, 1974. These land use regulations will not apply to the claimants only to the extent necessary to allow them to use the subject property for the use described in this report, and only to the extent that use was permitted when they acquired the property on May 8, 1974.
2. The action by the State of Oregon provides the state's authorization to the claimants to use the subject property for the use described in this report, subject to the standards in effect on May 8, 1974. On the date, the property was subject to the provisions of ORS 215, and in particular the interim planning goals set forth in ORS 215.515 (1973 edition).
3. 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, the order will not authorize the use of the property

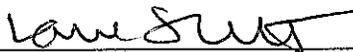
unless the claimants first obtain that permit, license or other form of authorization or consent. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to: a building permit, a land use decision, a permit as defined in ORS 215.402 or 227.160, other permits or authorizations from local, state or federal agencies and restrictions on the use of the subject property imposed by private parties.

4. Any use of the subject property by the claimants under the terms of the order will remain subject to the following laws: (a) those laws not specified in (1) above; (b) any laws enacted or enforced by a public entity other than the Commission or the department; and (c) those laws not subject to ORS 197.352 including, without limitation, those laws exempted under ORS 197.352(3).

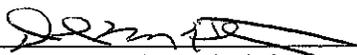
5. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing terms and conditions, in order for the claimants to use the subject property, it may be necessary for them to obtain a decision under ORS 197.352 from a city and/or county and/or metropolitan service district that enforces land use regulations applicable to the property. Nothing in this order relieves the claimants from the necessity of obtaining a decision under ORS 197.352 from a local public entity that has jurisdiction to enforce a land use regulation applicable to a use of the subject property by the claimants.

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 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 125, division 145, and ORS 293.

FOR DLCD AND THE LAND
CONSERVATION AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:
Lane Shetterly, Director


Cora R. Parker, Deputy Director
DLCD
Dated this 21st day of December, 2006.

FOR the DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:


David Hartwig, Administrator
DAS, State Services Division
Dated this 21st day of December, 2006.

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 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)

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Oregon Department of Justice has advised the Department of Land Conservation and Development that "[i]f the current owner of the real property conveys the property before the new use allowed by the public entity is established, then the entitlement to relief will be lost."

ORS 197.352 (BALLOT MEASURE 37) CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
Final Staff Report and Recommendation

December 21, 2006

STATE CLAIM NUMBER: M129577

NAMES OF CLAIMANTS: Frank and Kathleen Brunetto

MAILING ADDRESS: 24990 S Newkirchner Road
Oregon City, Oregon 97045

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION: Township 4S, Range 2E, Section 3
Tax lots 1804 and 1818
Clackamas County¹

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DATE RECEIVED BY DAS: June 26, 2006

180-DAY DEADLINE: December 23, 2006

I. SUMMARY OF CLAIM

The claimants, Frank and Kathleen Brunetto, seek compensation in the amount of \$232,575 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 “construct single family residences on minimal size parcels allowed at the time of acquisition” on the 14.42-acre subject property.² The subject property is located at 24990 S Newkirchner Road, near Oregon City, in Clackamas 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 the claim is valid. Department staff recommends that, in lieu of compensation, the requirements of the following state laws enforced by the Land Conservation and Development Commission (the Commission) or the department not apply to Frank and Kathleen Brunetto’s division of the 14.42-acre subject property into two

¹ The claim describes tax lot 1804 as consisting of 7.35 acres; however, the assessment map shows the tax lot as consisting of 11.35 acres.

² The subject property includes two tax lots. Tax lot 1804 consists of 11.35 acres and tax lot 1818 consists of 3.07 acres.

parcels for residential development: applicable provisions of Statewide Planning Goal 14 (Urbanization) and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 660-004-0040, enacted or adopted after May 8, 1974.³ These land use regulations will not apply to the claimants only to the extent necessary to allow them to use the subject property for the use described in this report, and only to the extent that use was permitted when they acquired the property on May 8, 1974. (See the complete recommendation in Section VI. of this report.)

III. COMMENTS ON THE CLAIM

Comments Received

On October 18, 2006, pursuant to 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.

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 criteria, whichever is later.

³ Under ORS 197.352(8), if a public entity elects to not apply one or more land use regulations to the claimant's use of the property, it may do so only to allow "a use." Further, in order to determine that land use regulations have restricted the claimant's use of the property, the department must base that determination on a use. The department makes every effort to determine what use of the property the claimant seeks to carry out, but in circumstances where the claimant does not provide the information necessary for the department to determine the use sought, the department will conclude that the desired use is to divide each parcel into one additional parcel. Department staff sent a letter to the claimants and the claimants' attorney on November 1, 2006, to obtain their desired use. The claimants' attorney submitted a letter in response to the department's request on November 8, 2006. However, the letter did not clarify the claimants' desired use. Therefore, the report evaluates the claim based on the division of the subject property into two parcels for residential development. If the claimant wishes to make a claim for a different use, the claimant may submit a new claim.

Findings of Fact

This claim was submitted to DAS on June 26, 2006, for processing under OAR 125, division 145. The claim identifies ORS 197 and 215, OAR 660, Senate Bill 100, House Bill 3661 and “all land use rules that restrict development” 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, Frank and Kathleen Brunetto, acquired the subject property on May 8, 1974, as reflected by a real estate contract included with the claim. The Clackamas County Assessor’s Office confirms the claimants’ current ownership of the subject property.

Conclusions

The claimants, Frank and Kathleen Brunetto, are “owners” of the subject property as that term is defined by ORS 197.352(11)(C), as of May 8, 1974.

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.

Findings of Fact

The claim indicates that the claimants desire to divide the 14.42-acre subject property for residential development, and that the use is not allowed under current land use regulations.⁴

⁴ The claimants summarily cite numerous state land use laws as applicable to this claim, but do not establish how the laws either apply to the claimants’ desired use of the subject property or restrict its use with the effect of reducing its fair market value. On their face, most of the regulations either do not apply to the claimants’ desired use of the property or do not restrict the claimants’ desired use of the property with the effect of reducing its fair market value.

The claim is based on the provisions of state law that regulate rural residential zoning. The claimants' property is zoned by Clackamas County as RRFF-5 (Rural Residential Farm-Forest). The RRFF-5 zone is consistent with Goal 14, which generally requires that land outside of urban growth boundaries be used for rural uses. Clackamas County's RRFF-5 zone was adopted in 1979 and requires a minimum of five acres for the creation of a new lot or parcel.

Goal 14 was effective on January 25, 1975, and requires that local comprehensive plans identify and separate urbanizable land from rural land in order to provide for an orderly and efficient transition from rural to urban land use. In 2000, as a result of a 1986 Oregon Supreme Court decision,⁵ the Commission amended Goal 14 and adopted OAR 660-004-0040 (Application of Goal 14 to Rural Residential Areas), which was effective on October 4, 2000.

The rule states that if a county rural residential zone in effect on October 4, 2000, specifies a minimum lot size of two acres or more, the area of any new lot or parcel shall equal or exceed the minimum lot size that is already in effect (OAR 660-004-0040(7)(c)). Some relief from this provision is available for lots or parcels having more than one permanent habitable dwelling pursuant to OAR 660-004-0040(7)(h). The rule also provides that a county's minimum lot size requirement in a rural residential zone shall not be amended to allow a smaller minimum lot size without approval of an exception to Goal 14 (OAR 660-004-0040(6)). Because Clackamas County's Rural Residential zone was in effect on October 4, 2000, and requires a minimum lot size of five acres, the minimum lot size for any new lot or parcel must equal or exceed five acres.

The claimants acquired the subject property on May 8, 1974, after the adoption of Senate Bill 100 (Chapter 80, Oregon Laws 1973) effective on October 5, 1973, but before the adoption of the statewide planning goals, effective on January 25, 1975. At that time, tax lot 1804 was zoned by Clackamas County as RA-2, which allowed a minimum two acres for the creation of new lots or parcels; tax lot 1818 was zoned by the county as RA-1, which allowed a minimum one acres for the creation of new lots or parcels.

During the period between October 5, 1973, and January 25, 1975, ORS 197.175(1) and 197.280 (1973 editions) required, in addition to any local plan or zoning provisions, that cities and counties exercise their planning responsibilities in accordance with the interim land use planning goals set forth in ORS 215.515 (1973 edition). *Petersen v. Klamath Falls*, 279 Or 249 (1977); *see also, Meeker v. Board of Comm'rs*, 287 Or 665 (1979) (review of a subdivision is an exercise of planning responsibilities requiring application of the goals); *State Housing Council v. Lake Oswego*, 48 Or App. 525 (1981) (noting that while "Land use planning responsibility is not defined in ORS ch 197, the Supreme Court has interpreted that term as including annexation approvals, *subdivision approvals* [emphasis added] and partition approvals") citing *Petersen*, *Meeker* and *Alexanderson v. Polk County*, 285 Or 427 (1980). The claimants desired use includes subdivision of their land. If the claimants had sought to create that use in 1974, as a

In particular, the claimants generally cite ORS 197 and "all land use rules that restrict development". However, they have not established how those regulations apply to or restrict their desired use of the property. This report addresses only those regulations that the department finds are applicable to and restrict the claimants' desired use of the subject property, based on the claimants' description of their desired use.

⁵ *1000 Friends of Oregon v. LCDC (Curry County)*, 301 Or 447 (1986).

matter of law, the use would have been subject to the interim planning goals at ORS 215.515.⁶ Those goals include the following: “(e) To provide for the orderly and efficient transition from rural to urban land use . . . (h) To develop a timely, orderly and efficient arrangement of public facilities and services to serve as a framework for urban and rural development . . . (j) To ensure that the development of properties . . . is commensurate with the character and physical limitations of the land.” The department notes that the language of interim goal (e) is the same as the text of Goal 14. As a result, the claimants’ use of the subject property in 1974 was effectively subject to compliance with the substance of Goal 14.

The claim does not establish whether the claimants’ desired division of the 14.42-acre subject property into two parcels for residential development complies with the interim planning goals set forth in ORS 215.515 (1973 edition) in effect at the time the claimants acquired the subject property in 1974.

Conclusions

The minimum lot size requirements for rural residential lots or parcels established by Goal 14 and OAR 660-004-0040, adopted since the claimants acquired the subject property in 1974, restrict the claimants’ desired division of the property. However, the claim does not establish whether or to what extent the claimants’ desired use of the subject property complies with the interim planning goals in effect when they acquired the property on May 8, 1974.

This report addresses only those state laws that are identified in the claim, or that the department is certain apply to the subject property based on the uses that the claimants have identified. There may be other laws that currently apply to the claimants’ use of the subject property, and that may continue to apply to the claimants’ use of the property, that have not been identified in the claim. In some cases, it will not be possible to know which laws apply to a use of the subject property until there is a specific proposal for that use. When the claimants seek a building or development permit to carry out a specific use, it may become evident that other state laws apply to that use.

3. Effect of Regulations on Fair Market Value

In order to establish a valid claim, ORS 197.352(1) requires that the land use regulation(s) (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.”

⁶ The “interim” land use goals are set forth in ORS 215.515(1)(a) to (j) (1973 edition) as follows: (a) “To preserve the quality of the air, water and land resources of the state,” (b) “To conserve open space and protect natural and scenic resources,” (c) “To provide for the recreational needs of citizens of the state and visitors,” (d) “To conserve prime farm lands for the production of crops,” (e) “To provide for the orderly and efficient transition from rural to urban land use,” (f) “To protect life and property in areas subject to floods, landslides and other natural disasters,” (g) “To provide and encourage a safe, convenient and economic transportation system including all modes of transportation: Air, water, rail, highway and mass transit and recognizing differences in the social costs in the various modes of transportation,” (h) “To develop a timely, orderly and efficient arrangement of public facilities and services to serve as a framework for urban and rural development,” (i) “To diversify and improve the economy of the state” and (j) “To ensure that the development of properties within the state is commensurate with the character and the physical limitations of the land.” ORS 215.515 (1973 edition).

Findings of Fact

The claim includes an estimate of \$232,575 as the reduction in the subject property's fair market value due to the regulations that restrict the claimants' desired use of the property. This amount is based on claimants' assessment of the subject property's value.

Conclusions

As explained in Section V.(1) of this report, the claimants are Frank and Kathleen Brunetto who acquired the subject property on May 8, 1974. Under ORS 197.352, the claimants are due compensation for land use regulations that restrict the use of the subject property and have the effect of reducing its fair market value. Based on the findings and conclusions in Section V.(2) of this report, laws enacted or adopted since the claimants acquired the subject property restrict the claimants' desired use of the property. The claimants estimate that the effect of the regulations on the fair market value of the subject property is a reduction of \$232,575.

Without an appraisal or other documentation, and without verification of whether or the extent to which the claimants' desired use of the subject property was allowed under the standards in effect when they acquired the property, it is not possible to substantiate the specific dollar amount by which the land use regulations have reduced the fair market value of the property. Nevertheless, based on the evidence in the record for this claim, the department determines that the fair market value of the subject property has been reduced to some extent as a result of land use regulations enforced by the Commission or the department.

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.

Findings of Fact

The claim is based on state land use regulations that restrict the use of the subject property, including Goal 14 and OAR 660-004-0040, which Clackamas County has implemented through its current RRF-5 zone. Both of these land use regulations were adopted after the claimants acquired the subject property.

Conclusions

Without a specific development proposal for the subject property, it is not possible for the department to determine all the laws that may apply to a particular use of the property, or whether those laws may fall under one or more of the exemptions under ORS 197.352. It appears that the general goal and rule restrictions on residential division of the claimants' property were adopted after the claimants acquired the subject property, and for the most part, these laws are not exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(E).

Laws in effect when the claimants acquired the subject property, including provisions of ORS 215 and specifically, the interim state planning goals at ORS 215.515 (1973 edition), are exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(E) and will continue to apply to the claimants' use of the property. There

may be other laws that continue to apply to the claimants' use of the subject property that have not been identified in the claim. In some cases, it will not be possible to know which laws apply to a use of property until there is a specific proposal for that use. When the claimants seek a building or development permit to carry out a specific use, it may become evident that other state laws apply to that use. In some cases, some of these laws may be exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(A) to (D).

This report addresses only those state laws that are identified in the claim, or that the department is certain apply to the subject property based on the uses that the claimants have identified. Similarly, this report only addresses the exemptions provided for under ORS 197.352(3) that are clearly applicable given the information provided to the department in the claim. The claimants should be aware that the less information they have provided to the department in their claim, the greater the possibility that there may be additional laws that will later be determined to continue to apply to their use of the subject property.

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 findings and conclusions set forth in this report, laws enforced by the Commission or the department restrict the claimants' desired use of the subject property. The claim asserts that existing state land use regulations enforced by the Commission or the department have the effect of reducing the fair market value of the subject property by \$232,575. However, because the claim does not provide an appraisal or other relevant evidence demonstrating that the land use regulations described in Section V.(2) reduce the fair market value of the subject property, a specific amount of compensation cannot be determined. In order to determine a specific amount of compensation due for this claim, it would also be necessary to verify whether or the extent to which the claimants' desired use of the property was allowed under the standards in effect when they acquired the property. Nevertheless, based on the record for this claim, the department has determined that the laws on which the claim is based have reduced the fair market value of the subject property to some extent.

No funds have been appropriated at this time for the payment of claims. In lieu of payment of compensation, ORS 197.352 authorizes the department to modify, remove or not apply all or parts of certain land use regulations to allow Frank and Kathleen Brunetto to use the subject property for a use permitted at the time they acquired the property on May 8, 1974.

Conclusions

Based on the record, the department recommends that the claim be approved, subject to the following terms:

1. In lieu of compensation under ORS 197.352, the State of Oregon will not apply the following laws to Frank and Kathleen Brunetto's division of the 14.42-acre subject property into two parcels for residential development: applicable provisions of Goal 14 and OAR 660-004-0040, enacted or adopted after May 8, 1974. These land use regulations will not apply to the claimants only to the extent necessary to allow them to use the subject property for the use described in this report, and only to the extent that use was permitted when they acquired the property on May 8, 1974.
2. The action by the State of Oregon provides the state's authorization to the claimants to use the subject property for the use described in this report, subject to the standards in effect on May 8, 1974. On the date, the property was subject to the provisions of ORS 215, and in particular the interim planning goals set forth in ORS 215.515 (1973 edition).
3. 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, the order will not authorize the use of the property unless the claimants first obtain 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.
4. Any use of the subject property by the claimants under the terms of the order will remain subject to the following laws: (a) those laws not specified in (1) above; (b) any laws enacted or enforced by a public entity other than the Commission or the department; and (c) those laws not subject to ORS 197.352 including, without limitation, those laws exempted under ORS 197.352(3).
5. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing terms and conditions, in order for the claimants to use the subject property, it may be necessary for them to obtain a decision under ORS 197.352 from a city and/or county and/or metropolitan service district that enforces land use regulations applicable to the property. Nothing in this order relieves the claimants from the necessity of obtaining a decision under ORS 197.352 from a local public entity that has jurisdiction to enforce a land use regulation applicable to a use of the subject property by the claimants.

VII. COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT STAFF REPORT

The department issued its draft staff report on this claim on November 27, 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.