

Supplemental Memo

Memo Date: May 24, 2007

Hearing Date: June 5, 2007 (Continued from May 8, 2007)



TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Public Works Dept./Land Management Division

PRESENTED BY: BILL VANVACTOR, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
KENT HOWE, PLANNING DIRECTOR

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: In the Matter of Considering a Ballot Measure 37 Claim and Deciding Whether to Modify, Remove or Not Apply Restrictive Land Use Regulations in Lieu of Providing Just Compensation (PA06-7346, Inman)

BACKGROUND

Applicant: Thelma B. Inman

Current Owner: Thelma B. Inman Revocable Living Trust

Agent: Rahn Hostetter

Map and Tax lot(s): 17-05-08, #100, #300 and #400

Acreage: 221 acres

Current Zoning: E-40 (Exclusive Farm Use)

Date Property Acquired: #100 – June 5, 1987 (BSD #8724547)

#300 - December 29, 1967 (BSD #10111)

#400 - June 15, 1953 (WD #5996)

Date claim submitted: December 4, 2006

180-day deadline: June 2, 2007

Land Use Regulations in Effect at Date of Acquisition: #300 and #400 were unzoned; #100 was zoned E-40 (Exclusive Farm Use)

Restrictive County land use regulation: Minimum parcel size of forty acres and limitations on new dwellings in the E-40 (Exclusive Farm Use) zone (LC 16.212).

This claim was originally heard on May 8, 2007. The Board continued the discussion of this claim to the June 5, 2007 public hearing in order to allow for the claimants time to submit additional information and have the Board reconsider the recommendation.

ANALYSIS

Supplemental evidence was provided by the claimant on May 2, 2007.

The applicant has submitted a CMA or other competent evidence of valuation that the County Commissioners have accepted on previous claims. Because of this, the County Administrator has waived the requirement for an appraisal. The alleged reduction in fair market value is \$3,200,000.

Tax lot 100 was already zoned E-40 when Thelma Inman acquired an interest in the property from her husband Ben Inman in 1997. He had acquired the property on June 5, 1987. Because the E-40 minimum lot size and dwelling restrictions were applicable when both the current owner and her husband acquired the property, it is not clear that the reduction in value information adequately addresses this tax lot. If sufficient value reduction information is provided, the E-40 regulations can only be waived to her date of acquisition.

Tax lots 300 and 400 were unzoned at the time Thelma Inman acquired an interest in the properties. The minimum lot size and limitations on new dwellings in the E-40 zone prevent Thelma Inman from developing the property as could have been allowed when she acquired them.

CONCLUSION

It appears this is a valid claim.

RECOMMENDATION

The County Administrator recommends the Board adopt the attached order to waive the restrictive land use regulations of the E-40 zone for tax lots 300 and 400. Since the E-40 zone was already applicable when an interest in tax lot 100 was acquired, the County Administrator recommended order does not waive the current E-40 land use regulations for that tax lot. If information establishes a reduction in value to 1987 or earlier, then the County Administrator recommends waiver only to February 25, 1997, the date Thelma Inman acquired an interest in that property.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY,
OREGON**

ORDER No.) IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING A BALLOT
) MEASURE 37 CLAIM AND DECIDING
) WHETHER TO MODIFY, REMOVE OR NOT
) APPLY RESTRICTIVE LAND USE
) REGULATIONS IN LIEU OF PROVIDING JUST
) COMPENSATION (Inman/PA06-7346)

WHEREAS, the voters of the State of Oregon passed Ballot Measure 37 on November 2, 2004, which added provisions to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Chapter 197 to require, under certain circumstances, payment to landowner if a government land use regulation restricts the use of private real property and has the effect of reducing the property value; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County enacted Ordinance No. 18-04 on December 1, 2004, to establish a real property compensation claim application process in LC 2.700 through 2.770 for Ballot Measure 37 claims; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has reviewed an application for a Measure 37 claim submitted by Thelma B. Inman (PA06-7346), the owner of real property located at 90221 Territorial Hwy, Junction City, and more specifically described in the records of the Lane County Assessor as map 17-05-08, tax lots 100, 300 and 400, consisting of approximately 221 acres in Lane County, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has determined that the application appears to meet all of the criteria of LC 2.740(1)(a)-(d), appears to be eligible for just compensation and appears to require modification, removal or not applying the restrictive land use regulations in lieu of payment of just compensation and has referred the application to the Board for public hearing and confirmation that the application qualifies for further action under Measure 37 and LC 2.700 through 2.770; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has determined under LC 2.740(4) that modification, removal or not applying the restrictive land use regulation is necessary to avoid owner entitlement to just compensation under Ballot Measure 37 and made that recommendation to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the evidence and confirmed the application appears to qualify for compensation under Measure 37 but Lane County has not appropriated funds for compensation for Measure 37 claims and has no funds available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, on May 8 and June 5, 2007, the Board conducted a public hearing on the Measure 37 claim (PA06-7346) of Thelma B. Inman and has now determined that the restrictive E-40 (Exclusive Farm Use) zone dwelling and land division requirements of LC 16.212 were enforced and made applicable to prevent Thelma B. Inman from developing portions of the property as might have been allowed at the time she acquired an interest in tax lot 300 on December 29, 1967, and tax lot 400 on June 15, 1953, and that the public benefit from application of the

current E-40 dwelling and division land use regulations to the applicant's property is outweighed by the public burden of paying just compensation; and

WHEREAS, Thelma B. Inman requests either \$3,200,000 as compensation for the reduction in value of her property, or waiver of all land use regulations that would restrict the division of land into lots containing less than forty acres and placement of a dwelling on each lot, uses that could have otherwise been allowed at the time she acquired an interest in the property; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that under LC 2.760(3) the public interest would be better served by modifying, removing or not applying the challenged land use regulations of the E-40 zone to portions of the subject property (tax lots 300 and 400) in the manner and for the reasons stated in the report and recommendation of the County Administrator incorporated here by this reference except as explicitly revised here to reflect Board deliberation and action to allow Thelma B. Inman to make application for development of the subject property in a manner similar to what she could have been able to do under the regulations in effect when she acquired an interest in the property; and

WHEREAS, this matter having been fully considered by the Lane County Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the applicant Thelma B. Inman made a valid claim under Ballot Measure 37 by describing the use being sought, identifying the county land use regulations prohibiting that use, submitting evidence that those land use regulations have the effect of reducing the value of the property, showing evidence that she acquired an interest in the property before the restrictive county land use regulations were enacted or enforced and the Board hereby elects not to pay just compensation but in lieu of payment, the request of Thelma B. Inman shall be granted and the restrictive provisions of LC 16.212 that limit the development of dwellings and the division of land in the E-40 (Exclusive Farm Use) Zone shall not apply to Thelma B. Inman, so she can make application for approval to develop the property located at 90221 Territorial Hwy, Junction City, and more specifically described in the records of the Lane County Assessor as map 17-05-08, tax lots 300 and 400, consisting of approximately 176 acres in Lane County, Oregon, in a manner consistent with the land use regulations in effect when she acquired an interest in tax lot 300 on December 29, 1967, and tax lot 400 on June 15, 1953.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Thelma B. Inman still needs to make application and receive approval of any division of the property or placement of a dwelling under the other land use regulations applicable to dividing the property or placing a dwelling that were not specifically identified or established by her as restricting the division of the property or placement of a dwelling, and it would be premature to not apply those regulations given the available evidence. To the extent necessary to effectuate the Board action to not apply the dwelling or division restrictions of the applicable zone described above, the claimant shall submit appropriate applications for review and approval of a new dwelling to show the specific development proposals and in the event additional county land use regulations result in a restriction of those uses that have the effect of reducing the fair market value of the property, the County Administrator shall have the authority to determine those restrictive county land use regulations that will not apply to that development proposal to preclude entitlement to just compensation under Measure 37, and return to the Board for action, if necessary. All other Lane

Code land use and development regulations shall remain applicable to the subject property until such time as they are shown to be restrictive and that those restrictions reduce the fair market value of the subject property.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that this action making certain Lane Code provisions inapplicable to use of the property by Thelma B. Inman does not constitute a waiver or modification of state land use regulations and does not authorize immediate division of the subject property or immediate construction of a dwelling. The requirements of state law may contain specific standards regulating development of the subject property and the applicant should contact the Department of Administrative Services (DAS - State Services Division, Risk Management - Measure 37 Unit, 1225 Ferry Street SE, U160, Salem, OR 97301-4292; Telephone: (503) 373-7475; website address: <http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/Risk/M37.shtml>) and have the State of Oregon evaluate a Measure 37 claim and provide evidence of final state action before seeking county land use approval.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the other county land use regulations and rules that still apply to the property require that land use, sanitation and building permits be approved by Lane County before any development can proceed. Notice of this decision shall be recorded in the county deed records. This order shall be effective and in effect as described in LC 2.770 and Ballot Measure 37 to the extent permitted by law. This order does not resolve several questions about the effect and application of Measure 37, including the question of whether the right of applicant to divide or build dwellings can be transferred to another owner. If the ruling of the Marion County Circuit Court in *MacPherson v. Dept. of Administrative Services*, (Marion County Circ. Ct. Case No. 00C15769, October 14, 2005) or any other court decision involving Ballot Measure 37 becomes final and that decision or any subsequent court decision has application to Lane County in a manner that affects the authority of this Board to grant relief under Ballot Measure 37 and LC 2.700 through 2.770 then the validity and effectiveness of this Order shall be governed by LC 2.770 and the ruling of the court.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2007.

Faye Stewart, Chair
Lane County Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 5-31-2007 Lane County


OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL