

## **Supplemental Memo**

**Memo Date:** June 8, 2007

**Hearing Date:** June 20, 2007 (Continued from May 22, 2007)

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**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 (PA06-7278 Schultz)

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### **BACKGROUND**

**Applicant:** R. Conrad and Carolyn Schultz

**Current Owner:** The Carolyn Schultz Living Trust

**Agent:** Harold Foutz

**Map and Tax lot:** 17-05-25, #2302

**Acreage:** approximately 13 acres

**Current Zoning:** E40 (Exclusive Farm Use)

**Date Property Acquired:** Dec. 1, 1973 (WD # 7643365) for the Schultz family  
December 8, 1977 (WD #2005-040274) for Carolyn Schultz, sole Trustee of the Carolyn Schultz Living Trust.

**Date claim submitted:** December 1, 2006

**180-day deadline:** May 30, 2007

**Land Use Regulations in Effect at Date of Acquisition:** AGT (Agriculture, Grazing, Timber Raising) on Dec. 1, 1973, FF20 (Farm Forest – 20) on December 8, 1977, and E40 (Exclusive Farm Use) on April 11, 2005

**Restrictive County land use regulation:** Minimum parcel size of forty acres and limitations on new dwellings in the E40 (Exclusive Farm Use) zone (LC 16.212).

This claim was originally heard on May 22, 2007. The applicant submitted supplemental information into the record at the hearing on May 22, 2007. The Board continued the discussion of this claim to the June 20, 2007 public hearing in order to allow staff the opportunity to evaluate the information received at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> hearing and the claimants time to submit additional information and have the Board reconsider the recommendation. The Board requested all new information to be submitted to Lane County by June 5, 2007. No additional information was received as of June 5, 2007.

## **ANALYSIS**

The current owner is the Carolyn Schultz Living Trust, Carolyn Schultz is the sole trustee. R. Conrad Schultz and Carolyn Schultz, the Schultz family, acquired an interest in the property on December 1, 1973, when it was zoned AGT (WD #7643365). The status of record title report provided by the claimants finds that Carolyn Schultz is the sole trustee, or her successors in trust, under the Carolyn Schultz Living Trust since December 8, 1977. The Trust is considered a new owner. An October 2003 notarized Certification of Trust was provided at the May 22, 2007 hearing, that identifies Carolyn Schultz as the Trustmaker, indicates she can revoke the trust and lists Scott C. Schultz as the currently acting trustee. One of the deeds provided (BSD #037093) by the claimant names Scott C. Schultz as an Ancillary Trustee.

The Trust document was not submitted. It appears that R. Conrad Schultz is not included in the Carolyn Schultz Living Trust, therefore, he is not a current owner. Carolyn Schultz appears to have a valid claim for compensation and waiver to December 1, 1973. The property descriptions in the deeds appear to apply to additional property than is included in the M37 claim.

The property was zoned AGT when it was acquired by the Schultz family. The zoning was FF20 when the current owner, the Carolyn Schultz Living Trust, acquired an interest in the property. The minimum lot size and limitations on new dwellings in the E40 zone would prevent the current owner from developing the property as could have been allowed when the family acquired it. The alleged reduction in fair market value is \$675,206, based on the submitted Comparative Market Analysis (CMA). The Board of County Commissioners have accepted CMA's as competent evidence of valuation on previous claims. Because of this, the County Administrator has waived the requirement for an appraisal.

The minimum lot size and restrictions on new dwellings in the E40 zone do not appear to be exempt regulations.

## **CONCLUSION**

It appears this is a valid claim for Carolyn Schultz. She acquired an interest in the property on December 1, 1973. Ownership does not appear to include Carolyn's husband, R. Conrad Schultz.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The County Administrator recommends the Board adopt the attached order waiving the restrictive land use regulations of the E40 zone to December 1, 1973 for Carolyn Schultz.

**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 (Schultz/PA06-7278)

**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 R. Conrad and Carolyn Schultz (PA06-7278), the apparent owners of real property located at 88413 Fisher Road, Eugene, and more specifically described in the records of the Lane County Assessor as map 17-05-25, tax lot 2302, consisting of approximately 13 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 22, June 5, and June 20, 2007, the Board conducted public hearings on the Measure 37 claim (PA06-7278) of R. Conrad and Carolyn Schultz and has now determined that the restrictive E40 (Exclusive Farm Use) zone dwelling and land division requirements of LC 16.212 were enforced and made applicable to prevent R. Conrad and Carolyn Schultz from developing the property as might have been allowed at the time they acquired an interest in the property on December 1, 1973, and that the public benefit from application of the current E40

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

**WHEREAS**, R. Conrad and Carolyn Schultz request either \$675,206 as compensation for the reduction in value of their 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 they 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 E40 zone to the subject property 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 Carolyn Schultz to make application for development of the subject property in a manner similar to what they could have been able to do under the regulations in effect when they 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 R. Conrad and Carolyn Schultz 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 they 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 the Schultz family shall be granted and the restrictive provisions of LC 16.212 that limit the development of dwellings and the division of land in the E40 (Exclusive Farm Use) Zone shall not apply to Carolyn Schultz, so she can make application for approval to develop the property located at 88413 Fisher Road, Eugene, and more specifically described in the records of the Lane County Assessor as map 17-05-25, tax lot 2302, consisting of approximately 13 acres in Lane County, Oregon, in a manner consistent with the land use regulations in effect when she acquired an interest in the property December 1, 1973.

**IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED** that Carolyn Schultz 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.

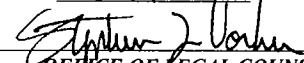
**IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED** that this action making certain Lane Code provisions inapplicable to use of the property by Carolyn Schultz does not constitute a waiver or modification of state land use regulations and does not authorize immediate division of the subject property or immediate construction 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.

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Faye Stewart, Chair  
Lane County Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 6-14-2007 Lane County  
  
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OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL