# BEFORE THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

RELATING TO THE APPLICATION FOR A MINOR ADJUSTMENT TO THE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY AT 12301 NW LAIDLAW ROAD IN UNINCORPORATED MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Order No. 08-050

WHEREAS, Richard Reese, the owner of property at 12301 Laidlaw Road in unincorporated Multnomah County applied for a minor adjustment to the urban growth boundary (UGB) under Metro Code section 3.01.033; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Operating Officer determined that the application was complete and sent notification of the application to persons entitled to notice under the code; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Operating Officer evaluated the application for compliance with the criteria in Metro Code section 3.01.035 and determined that it complied with the criteria; now, therefore,

# IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- The Metro UGB is hereby amended to include land at 12301 Laidlaw Road in unincorporated Multnomah County, as shown in the Staff Report dated December 1, 2008, attached and incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A. This addition complies with Metro Code section 3.01.035 criteria for the reasons set forth in Exhibit A.
- 2. The land included in the UGB by this Order shall be designated Outer Neighborhood on the Metro 2040 Growth Concept Map and zoned by Multnomah County to allow residential development at a density consistent with the Outer Neighborhood designation.

ENTERED this 3<sup>ee</sup> day of December, 2008

Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer

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Approved as to form:

Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney

# Exhibit A

#### STAFF REPORT

IN SUPPORT OF ORDER NO. 08-050, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION FOR A MINOR ADJUSTMENT TO THE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY AT 12301 NW LAIDLAW ROAD IN UNINCORPORATED MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

Date: December 1, 2008

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## **BACKGROUND**

CASE:

UGB Minor Adjustment 08-03

PETITIONER: Richard Reese

12301 NW Laidlaw Road Portland, OR 97291

PROPOSAL:

The petitioner requests a Minor Adjustment to the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to make the UGB coterminous with a property line. Currently the UGB bisects the

property. The addition will result in 1.54 acres included in the UGB.

LOCATION:

The site is located at 12301 NW Laidlaw Road. A map of the site can be seen in

Attachment A.

ZONING:

The property at 12301NW Laidlaw Road to be added to the UGB is zoned Commercial

Forest Use 2 (CFU2) by Multnomah County.

## **Applicable Review Criteria**

The criteria for a Minor Adjustment to the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) are contained in Metro Code Section 3.01.035.

# 3.01.035 Criteria for Minor Adjustments

*Petitions to add land to the UGB may be approved under the following conditions:* 

- (a) The purpose of this section is to provide a mechanism to make small changes to the UGB in order to make it function more efficiently and effectively. It is not the purpose of this section to add land to the UGB to satisfy a need for housing or employment. This section establishes criteria that embody state law and Regional Framework Plan policies applicable to boundary adjustments.
- (b) Metro may adjust the UGB under this section only for the following reasons: (1) to site roads and lines for public facilities and services; (2) to trade land outside the UGB for land inside the UGB; or (3) to make the UGB coterminous with nearby property lines or natural or built features.

For this application to amend the UGB to make the UGB coterminous with property lines, natural or built features, Metro Code Section 3.01.035(d) applies.

(d) To approve a minor adjustment to make the UGB coterminous with property lines, natural or built features, Metro shall find that:

(1) The adjustment will result in the addition of no more than two net acres to the UGB;

#### Petitioner:

The adjustment will add 1.54 acres to the UGB.

# Staff Response:

Based on the petitioner's submittal and Metro GIS records staff agrees that the adjustment will result in the addition of less than two acres to the Urban Growth Boundary. Staff concludes that this criterion has been met.

(2) Urbanization of the land added by the adjustment would have no more adverse environmental, energy, economic or social consequences than urbanization of land within the existing UGB;

#### Petitioner:

The proposed added land is vacant and will be combined with a vacant parcel that is currently within Urban Growth Boundary and is currently zoned for rural residential use. The parcel that is currently inside the UGB is part of Metro's 2002 UGB Expansion Area 93. Adding this parcel to the UGB will allow for all of my land to be planned in accordance with Multnomah County's required Title 11 concept planning process for Area 93. Finally, there are no natural resources on the site. Thus, the added land will have no more adverse environmental, social, energy or economic consequences than urbanization of other land within the existing UGB.

# Staff response:

Staff agrees with the reasons set forth by the petitioner that approval of the petition would have no more adverse environmental, social, energy or economic consequences than urbanization of land within the existing Urban Growth Boundary. Staff concludes this criterion has been met.

(3) Urbanization of the land added by the adjustment would have no more adverse effect upon agriculture or forestry than urbanization of land within the existing UGB;

#### Petitioner:

No commercial agriculture operations occur on this land or adjacent land. No forestry practices occur on this land. Minimal forestry activities have occurred on the northern portions of some of the larger adjacent parcels to the north. Addition of this small 1.54-acre parcel will not impact any future forestry practices on these parcels as the land directly adjacent to the subject parcel is in pasture. Thus, urbanization will result in no more adverse impacts on agricultural and forestry practices than urbanization of land within the existing UGB.

# Staff response:

Staff agrees with the reason set forth by the petitioner that approval of the petition would have no greater adverse effect on agriculture or forestry than urbanization of land within the existing UGB. Multnomah County indicated they have no objection to the proposal. Staff concludes that this criterion has been met.

(4) The adjustment will help achieve the 2040 Growth Concept; and

# Exhibit A

#### Petitioner:

Including this parcel of land in the UGB will allow for all of the land under my ownership to be planned by Multnomah County's concept planning process. This will provide for a more efficient use of both parcels of land as future development occurs in Area 93, which is consistent with the 2040 Growth Concept

# Staff response:

Staff agrees with the petitioner that the adjustment will help achieve the 2040 Growth Concept by providing for all of the petitioner's land to be included in the Title 11 concept planning process that is being undertaken by Multnomah County, resulting in a more efficient development pattern. Staff concludes this criterion has been met.

(5) The adjustment will not result in an island of urban land outside the UGB or an island of rural land inside the UGB.

## Petitioner:

The UGB adjustment will not result in an island of urban land outside the UGB as the site directly abuts the UGB.

# Staff response:

Staff agrees with the petitioner that this adjustment will not result in an island of urban land outside the UGB or an island of rural land inside the UGB. Staff concludes this criterion has been met.

## ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

**Known Opposition:** There is no known opposition to this application. Multnomah County indicated they have no objection to the petition.

**Legal Antecedents:** Metro Code 3.01.035(d) allows, through an administrative process, adjustments to the UGB to make the UGB coterminous with property lines, natural or built features.

**Anticipated Effects:** This amendment will add 1.54 acres to the UGB and allow all of the applicants land to be included in the concept planning process for UGB expansion area 93 that has recently been initiated by Multnomah County.

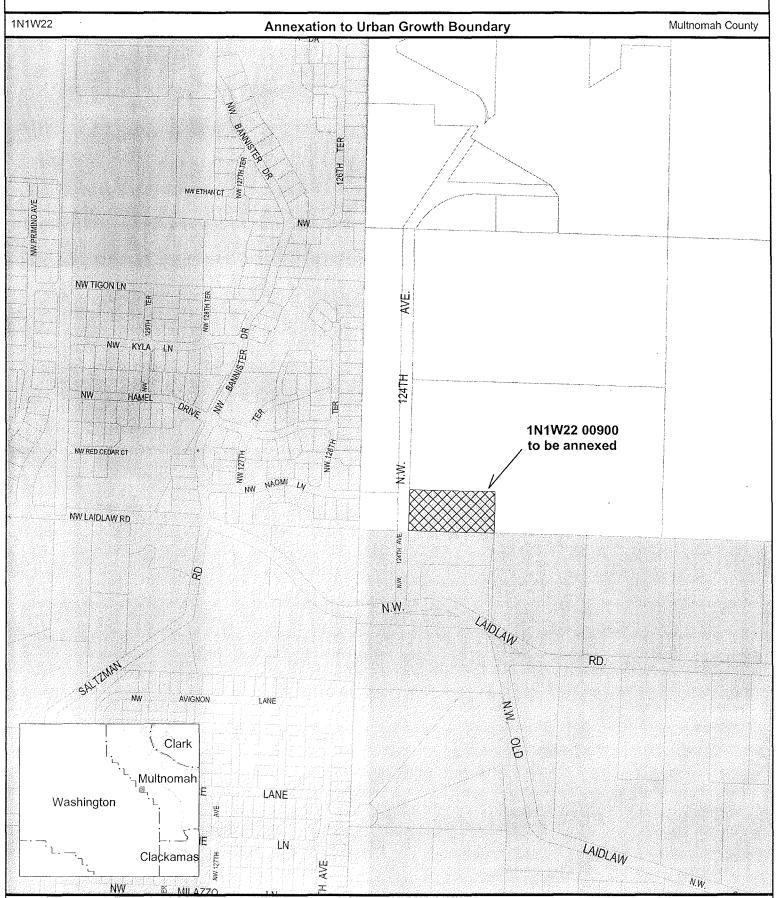
**Budget Impacts:** As the applicant was required to file an application fee to cover all costs of processing this minor adjustment, there is no budget impact.

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends that the Chief Operating Officer approve Order No. 08-050 for a Minor Adjustment to the Urban Growth Boundary.

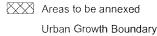
# ATTACHMENT A

# **UGB CASE: 08-03**





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