

Additional testimony for Steve and Joyce Montgomery residents of unincorporated Multnomah county at 5557 SE Jenne Ln Portland, OR 97236.

We are sending this additional testimony, as we have been told that the PSC may not consider our earlier requests for bureaucratic reasons that really make no sense to us.

To clarify our position, we want it to be very clear, that the Pleasant Valley "V" overlay, and the "P" overlay were put on our property without our knowledge. We are asking the PSC to carefully consider having these extremely restrictive overlays removed, as they have forced us into a NON-CONFORMING USE situation. We would like the PSC to recommend to the Portland City Council that they rectify this Situation; by removing these overlays (which if they had been in existence when I purchased my property in 1989 would not have allowed my home or barn to have been built.) At this point in time, these overlays are interfering with our use and enjoyment of our property, such use and enjoyment, while not negatively impacting the environment in any way whatsoever, is still not allowed by these extremely restrictive overlays.

When we first found out about the Pleasant Valley "V" overlay, in 2010 we were simply told we couldn't build a covered arena (this is one of our long-term goals for our horse farm) without paying \$3500.00 for an environmental review. For this reason alone, we started asking how we could go about getting this restriction removed.

It wasn't until very recently, that we discovered exactly how restrictive the overlay is, and how punitive the "mitigation" associated with it is. What possible purpose is served, to force us to remove our improvements to our property "by hand" and then plant "native species" that are likely to be detrimental to our horses? Every square inch of our property not covered by buildings or driveways is dedicated to growing pasture for our animals. The areas we improved for our enjoyment and training of our horses were either pasture or blackberries before we improved them, and we choose to return them to pasture if we are not allowed to keep them as they are right now.

The pictures with the horses show our side yard as it was before we improved it. As you can see, it was covered in blackberries, and pasture grass. If we are forced to remove our lovely patio/fire pit recreation area, we will put it back to pasture and continue using it as pasture as is our "right". Our horses have always grazed here, and they will continue to graze here. We will not allow the "punitive mitigation" to force us to plant "native species" that at the very least, will not provide food for our animals, and at the worst, may cause death or sickness if they ingest them. Please recommend to the Portland City Council, that they remove these overlays and remove us from the non-conforming situation we find ourselves in, through no fault of our own. We live with the environment daily, and we protect the environment on our property. The environment as a whole, is very important to us, much more so than it is to the bureaucrats and politicians who give it lip service, but allow major polluters to get away with destroying it, if there's enough money in it for them.

We are requesting to be set free of the agenda the BDS has for OUR property, and have our non-conforming use situation returned to what it was when I purchased this property and my only zoning was RF-R7. Thank You, Steve and Joyce Montgomery 3/01/2015





