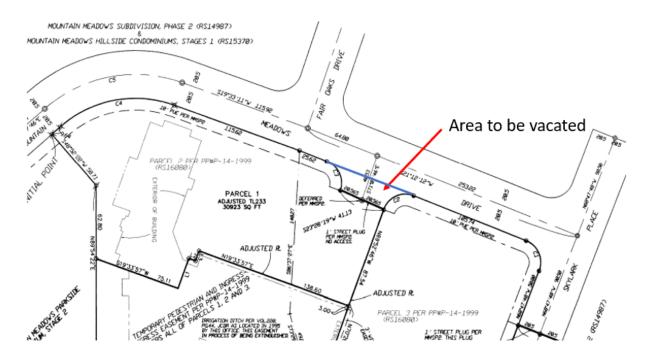


### **December 5, 2023**

Agenda Item	Right of Way Vacation Initiation – Mountain Meadows Drive		
From	Scott Fleury PE	Public Works Director	
Contact	Scott.fleury@ashland.or.us		
Item Type	Requested by Council 🗆 Update	□ Request for Direction ⊠ Presentation □	

#### **SUMMARY**

Before the Council is a request to initiate the vacation of a portion of the public right of way. The right of way in question is a portion of Mountain Meadows Drive near Fair Oaks Avenue. The section of right of way was dedicated as a potential future street connection as part of the Mountain Meadows Development. This street connection is no longer necessary and does not serve a purpose that benefits the City's transportation network.



#### **POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED**

City Council:

4. Evaluate real property and facility assets to strategically support city mission and goals.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION**

No previous action on this item, but Council has taken numerous actions in the past regarding vacating public right of way. The last action occurred in in 2018 with the vacation of a portion of Terrace Street (<u>Staff Report</u>).





#### **BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The City of Ashland was contacted by the property owner and representative surveyor regarding the initiation of the vacation process for the right of way and dedicated street plug as allowed by Oregon Revised Statute. The owner has had the appropriate survey documents and legal description prepared to facilitate the right of way vacation and they can be referenced as attachment #1.

#### 271.130 Vacation on city governing body's own motion; appeal.

- (1) The city governing body may initiate vacation proceedings authorized by ORS 271.080 and make such vacation without a petition or consent of property owners. Notice shall be given as provided by ORS 271.110, but such vacation shall not be made before the date set for hearing, nor if the owners of a majority of the area affected, computed on the basis provided in ORS 271.080, object in writing thereto, nor shall any street area be vacated without the consent of the owners of the abutting property if the vacation will substantially affect the market value of such property, unless the city governing body provides for paying damages. Provision for paying such damages may be made by a local assessment, or in such other manner as the city charter may provide.
- (2) Two or more streets, alleys, avenues and boulevards, or parts thereof, may be joined in one proceeding, provided they intersect or are adjacent and parallel to each other.
- (3) No ordinance for the vacation of all or part of a plat shall be passed by the governing body until the city recording officer has filed in the office of the city recording officer or indorsed on the petition for such vacation a certificate showing that all city liens and all taxes have been paid on the lands covered by the plat or portion thereof to be vacated.
- (4) Any property owner affected by the order of vacation or the order awarding damages or benefits in such vacation proceedings may appeal to the circuit court of the county where such city is situated in the manner provided by the city charter. If the charter does not provide for such appeal, the appeal shall be taken within the time and in substantially the manner provided for taking an appeal from justice court in civil cases. [Amended by 1995 c.658 §101]

Public Works performed an initial assessment to determine if a right of way vacation would be in the public interest. There are no public utilities using that section of right of way. All utilities are provided for on Mountain Meadows Avenue. The right of way does not provide a significant public benefit with respect to a future street corridor connection as development has occurred in the adjacent area restricting future street connections.

#### **Right of Way Vacation Requirements:**

In order to appropriately process a right of way vacation certain state and local codes must be addressed. The Oregon Revised Statues (ORS) and City of Ashland Municipal Code detail the requirements to vacate City property:

#### 4.18.010 Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to establish the procedure for processing requests for the vacation of public rights-of-way and places, and to require petitioners for vacation to deposit with the City Recorder a fee sufficient to cover the cost of publication, posting and other anticipated expenses as authorized by ORS <u>271.080</u>, et seq.





#### 4.18.020 Application

Any person interested in filing a petition for the vacation of all or part of any street, alley, or other public place, shall submit such petition in the form prescribed by the City Engineer pursuant to ORS <u>271.080</u>, and upon filing of the petition shall deposit with the City Recorder a filing fee established by resolution of the City Council. (Ord. 2654, 1991; Ord. 2742, 1994)

#### This is not required if the Council initiates the vacation process as allowed by ORS.

#### 4.18.030 Review by Planning Commission

Upon receipt of the petition, the same shall be referred to the City Engineer for a determination of whether it contains the requested number of sworn signatures. The City Engineer shall return any petition not meeting the requirements of ORS <u>271.080</u>, together with the filing fee to the petitioner. If the City Engineer determines that the petition is sufficient, it shall be referred to the City Planning Commission for its review and recommendation to the City Council. The Planning Commission shall submit its report to the City Council within sixty (60) days of receipt. Upon receipt of the report by the Commission, or if no report is received from the Commission upon the expiration of sixty (60) days, the City Administrator shall set the matter for public hearing as set forth in ORS <u>271.100</u>, et seq.

# This meeting will need to be scheduled in the future to allow for the Planning Commission to make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the vacation.

#### 4.18.040 Public Hearings

Public hearings shall be held as set forth in ORS <u>271.120</u>, at which time the petitioner and all affected parties shall be afforded an opportunity to present their views either orally or in writing. The report of the Planning Commission, if any, shall be made a part of the record.

# > This will be done if Council initiates the vacation process as a formal ordinance and maps of survey will be completed.

#### 4.18.050 Action By Council

The City Council, after due consideration of testimony by affected parties, and the report of the Planning Commission may approve, reject, or modify the area proposed for vacation which in its sole judgment is deemed in the public interest. (Ord. 2164 §1, 1982)

If approved by Council, the property owner will be required to finalize the map of survey showing the public utility easement if needed; have new property deeds created that describe new property boundary for the tax lot and have all documents recorded at the County. The City Recorder will have the ordinance approving the Right of Way Vacation recorder at the County. If not approved by Council, there is no further action by staff or property owner and the right of way will remain in place.

#### **FISCAL IMPACTS**

The only resource requirements were/are associated with staff time to bring the vacation forward through the Planning Commission and City Council. The owners will be responsible for the development of new property





deeds and recording the applicable documents with the County. If the property is vacated, it will become private and assessable for property taxes as part of the individual tax lot.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends Council initiate the right of way vacation for said portion of right of way.

#### **ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS**

I move to begin the process to vacate a portion of the public right of way on Mountain Meadows Way as allowed by ORS 271.130 and then follow Ashland Municipal Code 14.18.

I move to take no action on the matter.

#### **REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment #1: Mountain Meadows Drive Vacation Background



#### **FARBER CONSULTING**

• FARBER & SONS, INC. • POST OFFICE BOX 5286 • CENTRAL POINT, OR 97502 •

September 19, 2022

City Council and Mayor 20 East Main Street Ashland, Oregon 97520

Re: Partial Street right of way vacation Mountain Meadows Drive.

Councilors and Mayor;

This request is for the City Council to initiate the vacation of public right of way, dedicated to the city on the 1996 Mountain Meadows Subdivision, Phase 2 plat. Also, to and Quit Claim a street plug deeded to the city on this plat as illustrated on the accompanying exhibit maps/plat copy. The area requested for vacation was approved in 1996 as a future street approach as a part of a future development plan. This plan was revised, with the property now fully developed, the street approach was never utilized. The street approach now has a portion of a private parking lot and driveway constructed on it as well as the street plug for the Mountain Meadows Parkside Condominium development. This section of Mountain Meadows Drive is improved to City standards with a straight-line curb and gutter and other improvements as noted.

Planning Action PA-T2-2020-00026 approval for Mountain Meadows Estates, LLC approved plan shows the northerly curb return for the proposed vacation but inadvertently did not show it as public right of way. Portions of this area along with the street plug lies in an approved property line adjustment to provide proper building setbacks to buildings approved by this planning action. The property line adjustment and the final plat for the approved planning action cannot proceed without the right of way being vacated and street plug Quit Claimed back to private ownership.

The following quoted Oregon Revised Statute authorizes the city to initiate the vacation on their own motion.

271.130 Vacation on city governing body's own motion; appeal. (1) The city governing body may initiate vacation proceedings authorized by ORS 271.080 and make such vacation without a petition or consent of property owners. Notice shall be given as provided by ORS 271.110, but such vacation shall not be made before the date set for hearing, nor if the owners of a majority of the area affected, computed on the basis provided in ORS 271.080, object in writing thereto, nor shall any street area be vacated without the consent of the owners of the abutting property if the vacation will substantially affect the market value of such property, unless the city governing body provides for paying damages. Provision for paying such damages may be made by a local assessment, or in such other manner as the city charter may provide.

- (2) Two or more streets, alleys, avenues and boulevards, or parts thereof, may be joined in one proceeding, provided they intersect or are adjacent and parallel to each other.
- (3) No ordinance for the vacation of all or part of a plat shall be passed by the governing body until the city recording officer has filed in the office of the city recording officer or indorsed on the petition for such vacation a certificate showing that all city liens and all taxes have been paid on the lands covered by the plat or portion thereof to be vacated.
- (4) Any property owner affected by the order of vacation or the order awarding damages or benefits in such vacation proceedings may appeal to the circuit court of the county where such city is situated in the manner provided by the city charter. If the charter does not provide for such appeal, the appeal shall be taken within the time and in substantially the manner provided for taking an appeal from justice court in civil cases. [Amended by 1995 c.658 §101]

The vacation of this public right of way area for the street approach has no impact on traffic flow or public safety. It does resolve many existing issues and appears to be in the best interest of all concerned parties.

Mountain Meadows Estates, LLC will pay all reasonable fees for staff time and expenses for notices to processing this request.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT A. FARBER

EMAIL: herb@farberconsulting.biz

PHONE: 541-664-5599

CC: City Administrator, Joe Lessard

Public Works Director, Scott Fluery

### VACATION DESCRIPTION

A tract of land within the right of way of Meadows Drive, as created on the plat of Mountain Meadows Subdivision, Phase 2 recorded in Volume 21, Page 22 of the Plat Records of Jackson County, Oregon, located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 39 South, Range 1 East of the Willamette Meridian, in the City of Ashland, said County and State, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a brass disk monumenting the center line intersection of Meadows Drive and Skylark Place, located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 39 South, Range 1 East of the Willamette Meridian, in the City of Ashland, Jackson County, Oregon; thence South 21°12'12" West, along the centerline of Meadows Drive, a distance of 146.40 feet; thence South 68°47'48" East, leaving said centerline, a distance of 20.50 feet, to the southeasterly right of way line of said road and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence along said right of way through the following courses, along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 20.00 feet, a central angle of 92°19'58", a length of 32.23 feet and a long chord bearing and distance of South 24°57''47" East, 28.85 feet; thence South 23°28'20" West, a distance of 41.13 feet; thence along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 20.00 feet, a central angle of 87°40'02", a length of 30.60 feet and a long chord bearing and distance of South 65°02'13" West, 27.07 feet; thence, leaving said right of way, North 21°12'12" East, a distance of 81.06 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

#### LESS AND EXCEPTING:

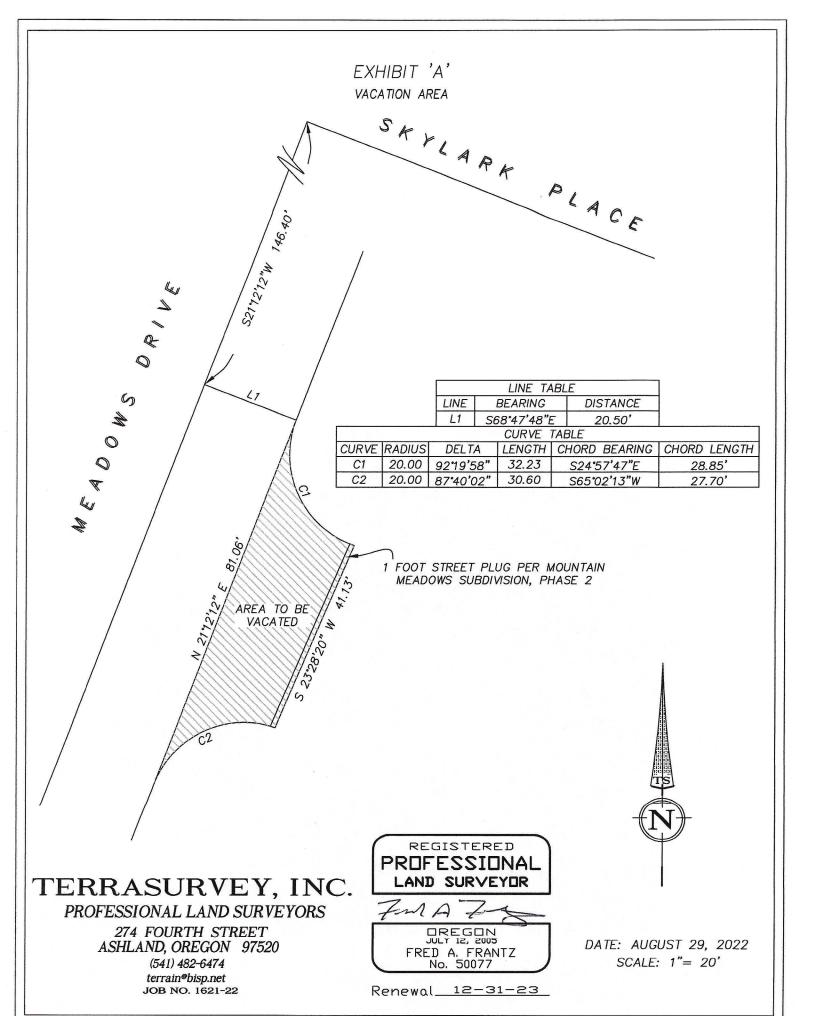
The 1' street plug deeded to the City of Ashland per Mountain Meadows Subdivision, Phase2 recorded in Volume 21, Page 22 of the Plat records of Jackson County, Oregon.

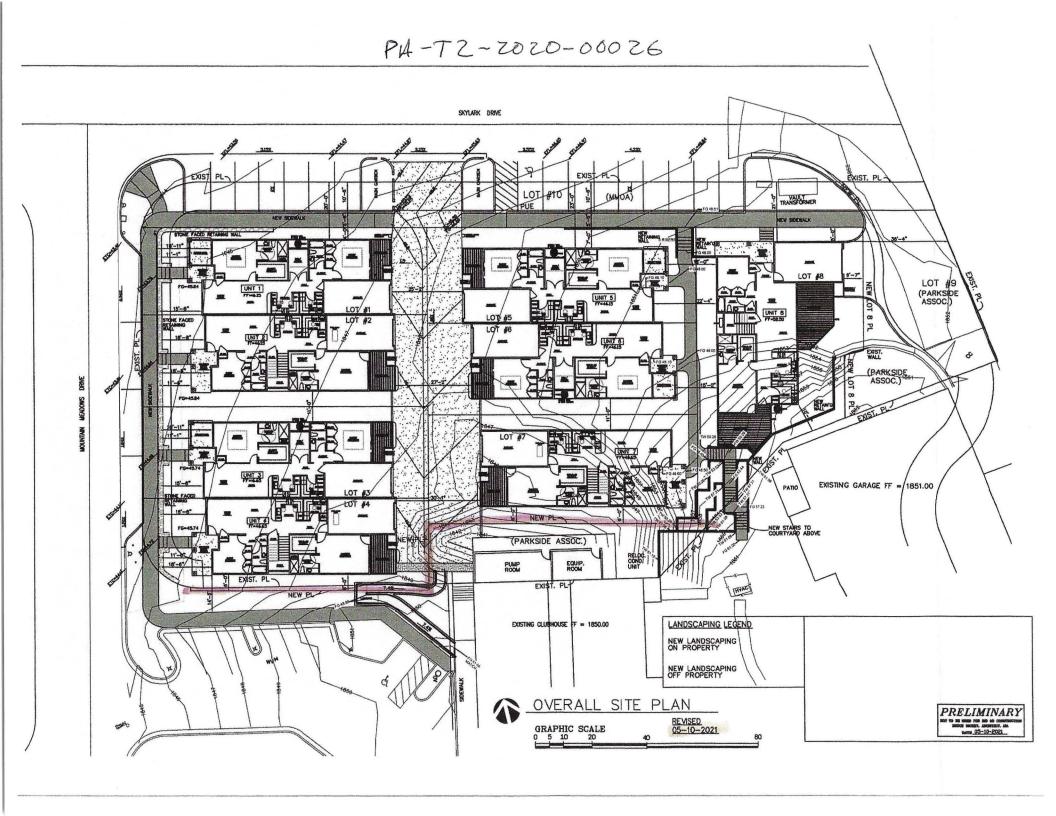
Prepared by: Terrasurvey, Inc. 274 Fourth Street Ashland, Oregon 97520

PROFESSIONAL
LAND SURVEYOR

OREGON
JULY 12, 2008
FRED A. FRANTZ
No. 50077

Flancial /2-31-Z2





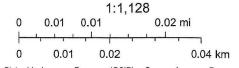
## ArcGIS Web Map



9/12/2022, 4:27:04 PM



Site Address Point



Oregon Statewide Imagery Program (OSIP) - Oregon Imagery Framework Implementation Team

4937		
APPROVAL  Athless Planning commission  Athless Planning Subdivision  Athless Planning Subdivision	MOUNTAIN MEADOWS SUBDIVISION	For order of the County Court approving this Plat see Valume . Page . of the County Commissioner's Journal of Proceedings.
We certify that pursuant to authority granted to us by the Ashland Planning  Commission in open meting TANNAPLY 9. 1996 this plot is hereby approved.  Dated this 230 day of MAY . 1996	PHASE 2  A PLANNED COMMUNITY Located in the N.E. 1/4 & S.E. 1/4 of Sec. 4, T.39 S., R.1 E., W.M. City of Ashland	Filed for record this 5 day of June 1996 at 3.15 o'clock P. a. and recorded in Volume 21 of Plats at Page 22 of records of Jackson County, Oregon.
Bus books a Descrition John M. Journey	for	Kathlew S. Beckott Chery (wageres)
APPROVALS:  EXAMINED AND APPROVE this 22 nd day of May . 1996 .	Mouniain Meadows L.L.C. 66 Scenic Avenue Ashland, OR 97520	Declaration of Covenants. Conditions and Restrictions recorded as Doc Official Records of Jackson County, Oregon.
James HOlson		SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE LAMBS A REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR OF THE STATE OF OREOM, HEREBY CERTIFICATION OF THE STATE OF CARDON HEREBY PROVIDED BY LAW THE TRACT OF LAND SHOWN HEREDN SAID FILE BEING AN ACCURATE REPRESENTATION OF THE SAME, AND THAT THE FOLLOWING IS AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTERNOR BOUNDARY LINES:
EXAMINED AND APPROVED or required by ORS 92.100 or of 30 May . 19.96.  Marketune deports  Assessor. Department of Missesport		Beginning at the most Westerly Northwest corner of HOUNTAIN MEADOWS SUBDIVISION. PRASE I according to the official plat thereof now of record in Jackson County. Oregon, sold point being North 000 47 West. 484, 33 Test from the Southeest cories of Lot 30 of ASHLAND ACRES, according to the official plat thereof, now of record, in Jackson County, Oregon: Themse North \$728.54 East, 2.67 Lest to
ALL TAXES. FEES ASSESSMENTS or other charges as required by ORS 92,095 have been paid as of may 30. 19 96.  Casal appleate Deputy Tax, Collector	The deferred manuseris shown on Sheets 2 & 3 vill be set  by	Westerly Northwest corper; thence clong the West lies of soid Lot 30. North 0'00'47 West, 499,40 lest to the Southeasterly 1ght-of-way lips of relocated North Moustain Avenue as described in Values 539. Page 64, Jackson County Deed Records: thence clong side right-of-ray lies. South 8755'54' East. 7.26 feet to an angle point, thence North V40'01' East. 187,80 lest; thence leaving said right-of-ray lies, south 8755'54' East. 7.26 feet to an angle point, thence may be supplied to the said of the
V	Surveyor & Willer	South 3474-54" East, 27.83 lest; there along the arc of a 495.73 foot radius curre to the right having a central angle of 72203; a distance of 63.75 feet (the long chord of which beer: South 7448-48 East, 63.70 feet); theree South 7498-48 East, 63.70 feet); theree South 7798-49 feet of 65.70 feet); theree south
DECLARATION	The deferred monuments are now set. See Doc. <u>00-11930</u> .  ORJCO. this 22 <sup>20</sup> day of MARCH. 18 7000 (SER SN 16473)  Approved: Rosen & Relief Surveyor  Jackson County Surveyor	PROVIDED BY LAW. THE TRACT OF LAND SHOWN MERGEN. SAID PLAT BEING AM ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE SHE, AND THAT THE FOLLOWING IS AM ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE SHE, AND THAT THE FOLLOWING IS AM ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE SHE, AND THAT THE FOLLOWING IS AM ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE SHE SHE SHE SHE SHE SHE SHE SHE SHE S
Heater St. HIII, M. SMERR Modeline HIII, MAMAGER MOUNTAIN MEADOWS L.L.C. MOUNTAIN MEADOWS L.L.C.	CONTROL DIAGRAM SCALE: 1' - 200'	a digrance of 32.33 feet 10th User whord of elith being a central 1797 to 22.35 feet (the User whord of elith being a central 1797 to 22.35 feet (the User a central central central 1797 to 22.36 feet curve to the left having a central central 6.8740 02° a distance of 30.60 feet (the long chord of which beers South 5502/13" West, 27.70 feet); thence South 1792/13" West, 27.70 feet); thence South 1793/11" West, 115.62 feet; thence South 1793/11" West, 115.62 feet; thence along the arc of 9.9.50 foot radius curve to the left having a central engle of 6040 57", a distance of 105.35 feet (the long chord of which beers South 1074/18" Eget. 100.25 feet); thence South 1707-46. East, 30.74 feet; thence along the arc
COUNTY OF JACKSON)"  PERSONALLY appeared the above named Hunter S. Hill and Madeline Hill. and acknowledged the lengthing instrument to be their voluntary act and deed To Dated this. The day of April . 1996.	SCALE: 17 - 200	distance of 56.55 feet the long chord of which bears South 2741'10' East. 55.03 feet); those South 1474 East. 9.46 feet; thoses clong the arc of a 210.00 feat radius curse to the right having a central angle of 4347'31', a distance of 160.51 feet (the long chord of which bears South 1752)1' was 1.155.03 feet) to 160.51 feet (the long chord of which bears South 752)1' was 1.155.03 feet) to 160.51 feet (the long chord of which bears south 150.51 feet) in 160.51 feet (the long chord of the 160.51 feet) the 160.51 feet (the long chord of the 160.51 feet) the 160.51 feet (the long chord of which bears a captral chong chord of which bears a captral chong chord of which bears a
Before se: Notery Weblic of Oregon. All Woods of States	CL REQUIRED BY CITY OF ASHLAND, SEE R814730.  WEST LINE LOT 30 FER R814730	Soath 3/46'20' West, 16.25 (set): thence South 3/59'43' West, 95,12 feet: thence along the are of a 12.05 feat curve to the right having a central angle adong the area of a 12.05 feat curve to the right having a central angle of 3/50' 16' West, 48.02 feet): thence North 3/50' 12' West, 41.00 feet; thence South 56'58' 48' West, 54.12 feet; thence along the area of a 7.05' feat curve to the right having a central angle of 3/50' 25'. a distance of 45.60 feet (the long chard of which bears cleng the area of a 20.00 feet curve to the right having a central angle of 3/50' 05' of cord curve to the right having a central angle of 8/50' feet (the long chard of the having a central angle of 8/50' 05' 05' 05' 05' 05' 05' 05' 05' 05'
From the MARY ANN ACOBSON TRUST recorded as Doc. No. 26-17828 ORACO.		SURVEY NARRATIVE TO COMPLY WITH O.R.S. 209,250
	Tokoo Andreas	PURPOSE: To servey and manusest the exterior of MOUNTAIN MEADOWS SUBDIVISION PMASE 2. See Ashload PA #96-007.  PROCEDURE: The exterior of Lot 30. ASHLAND ACRES, was computed and shown on
	LOT 30  NORTH LÎNE LOT ASHLAND ACRES  P. 175." JCD3."  175.00  NORTH LÎNE LOT ASHLAND ACRES  P. 175." JCD3."  LE ST. JCD3."  R. 175.00  NORTH LÎNE LOT ASHLAND ACRES  R. 175." JCD3."  R. 175.00  NORTH LÎNE LOT ASHLAND ACRES  R. 175." JCD3."  R. 175.00  R. 175.00	PROCEDURE: The exterior of Lot 30. ASHLAND ACRES, was computed and shown on MOUNTAIN MEMORY SURDIVISION. PHASE 1. Ited in centrer list monuments of the content of the cont
	175,00 186 186 186 186 186 186 186 186 186 186	REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR
HEEBYCERIFY HATT THIS IS AN EXACT COIP THE OBJAINAL PLAT.	EAST LINE LOT 30 PER RS14730 Sp. 27 (100 OSHD)	James E. HIBES  JAMES E. HIBES  SHEET 1 OF 3
391E04AD TL201 4 04 DA TL 102,103	91/4.	Renewal Date 6-30-97 95-161-2-FP1

