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The Office of the Secretary of State received a certified ballot title from the Attorney General on May 24, 2006, for initiative petition #21, proposing a statutory amendment, for the General Election of November 4, 2008.

In addition, Secretary of State Bill Bradbury determined that the proposed initiative petition was in compliance with the procedural requirements established in the Oregon Constitution for initiative petitions.

The certified ballot title is as follows:

EXEMPTS SPECIFIED PROPERTY OWNERS FROM BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS VALUED AT/UNDER 35,000 DOLLARS

RESULT OF "YES" VOTE: "Yes" vote exempts farm and residential real property owners from applicable state and local building permit requirements for improvements valued at 35,000 dollars or less.

RESULT OF "NO" VOTE: "No" vote requires farm and residential real property owners to comply with applicable state/local building permit requirements for improvements valued at/under 35,000 dollars.

SUMMARY: Current law requires owner of residential real property or farm property to comply with applicable state and local building permit requirements when making improvements to real property. Measure creates exemption for residential real property and farm property owners from applicable state and local building permit requirements for improvements when the total value of improvements made within a calendar year does not exceed 35,000 dollars. Measure requires improvements to comply with applicable setback requirements and height limitations. Requires property owners to disclose improvements made without building permits to prospective buyers. Requires electrical wiring made to improvement covered by measure to be performed or approved by licensed electrical contractor. Amount of exemption increases annually to adjust for inflation. Measure supersedes conflicting state and local laws. Other provisions.

Chief Petitioner(s): Alan Grosso, 12100 SE 158th Ave, Portland, OR 97004.

Copies of the text of this initiative are available at Room 141 State Capitol, for \$.25. Written requests for copies with your remittance of \$1.00 prepaid, should be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722.

The required number of signatures for placement on the 2008 general election ballot is determined by the total votes cast for all candidates for governor at the 2006 general election. These signatures shall be filed in this office not later than July 3, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
APPELLATE DIVISION

May 24, 2006

John Lindback
Director, Elections Division
Office of the Secretary of State
141 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97310

Re: Proposed Initiative Petition — Exempts Specified Property Owners From Building Permit Requirements For Improvements Valued At/Under 35,000 Dollars
DOJ File #BT-21-06; Elections Division #21

Dear Mr. Lindback:

You have informed us that no comments have been received concerning the draft ballot title which we have prepared, relating to exemptions from building permit requirements for certain property owners making real property improvements valued at no more than \$35,000.

We hereby certify to you a ballot title for the prospective petition.

Very truly yours,

Erin C. Lagesen
Assistant Attorney General

ECL:ecl/APP94083

Enclosure

c: Peter Shepherd, Deputy Attorney General
Don Arnold, General Counsel Division
Steve Wolf, General Counsel Division

Alan Grosso
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BALLOT TITLE

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