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Daisy CHAIN's office in downtown Eugene on the postpartum nonprofit's last day of operation Feb. 20.

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Leaders disagree on new industrial health rules

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Eugene City Council is currently weighing two versions of new public health standards which would increase reporting requirements for industrial developments. One is endorsed by local business leaders, the other by Bethel neighborhood leaders and environmental advocates.

The city originally described these health standards as a way to prevent another J.H. Baxter-like business from operating in Eugene, but reforms to that level won't come until later.

A comprehensive look at the city's industrial regulations stalled after Eugene took almost a year and a half to find a partner to produce a hazard and risk analysis study. In the meantime, City Council will consider two versions of a new notice requirement for industrial development.

The Council previously considered a version of the standards requiring building permit applicants to identify and list all the air, land, and water permits required by the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Environmental Quality or Lane Regional Air Protection Agency, or attest there are no such permits required for their development.

The alternative, Version 4, now also before City Council would put this responsibility on the city by requiring the city to notify regulators of proposed developments prior to issuing building permits in industrial zones.

This difference matters, according to people who spoke at the Feb. 17 public hearing.

Local business leaders endorsed the new version. They said local industrial businesses already comply with many environmental regulations and many commercial businesses are allowed to locate in industrial zones. Those businesses also would be subject to the attestation requirement of the earlier draft. They argued putting this burden

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Daisy CHAIN closes

Nonprofit provided free birth doulas and pregnancy support

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Eugene's longtime Daisy CHAIN postpartum nonprofit permanently closed Feb. 20.

Since 2012, Daisy CHAIN (Creating Healthy Alliances In New-mothering) provided an array of services for people in the early stages of parenting in Lane County. The organization connected parents with free birth and postpartum doulas, lactation services, pregnancy support and early childhood education.

Daisy CHAIN's interim executive director declined to comment in time for publication, but in its public state-

ment, the organization cited an "increasingly difficult financial climate" as the reason for "the incredibly difficult decision" to close down.

Deven Rodgers, a mother who has relied on Daisy CHAIN services, described the closure as "a sad day" for mothers in Lane County.

Supporting new and expecting parents in many circumstances

Rodgers said she first encountered Daisy CHAIN four years ago. She was pregnant and unhoused when she met a doula on DAISY Chain's street outreach team.

"Me and my partner at the time were both scared parents," she said. Daisy

CHAIN got them connected to housing, supported her through her first and second pregnancies, and helped her raise her daughters.

Rodgers said whenever she meets a new mother, she recommends Daisy CHAIN, and over the years she's connected with doulas and other parents using the service.

"Its going to be lonely knowing those beautiful souls aren't there to help future mamas out," she said.

Jennifer Link said she and her son, who has autism, used DAISY Chain for their music classes and "it was an incredible free early learning resource" for them. She also said she's recommended DAISY Chain to many parents and she's "devastated" to hear of its closing.

Rose Sepidnameh, a doula who Daisy CHAIN laid off last year, said she was "livid" about the closure. She felt

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RESTAURANT ROUNDUP

New tenants move into Poppi's Anatolia's old space

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Some might say 992 Willamette St. has a feel of "old Eugene." Warm wooden buildouts, high ceilings, and quirky charm are some of the features of the property, which housed Poppi's Anatolia until the business recently moved to the 5th Street Market.

Now, the space's new tenants are moving in. Katie Moss and Cody MacFadyen are planning to turn the familiar property into a comfortable cafe, while still keeping its warm and whimsical vibe intact.

In other foodie news, Alesong is releasing five new beers at the end of Feb-

ruary, with flavors that will excite even the most discerning of palates.

Moss Culinary Studio to open on Willamette

Katie Moss and Cody MacFadyen opened Moss Culinary Studio together in a commissary kitchen in January 2025. Just over a year later, the pair is making more big plans. The couple is turning their farmers market booth into a brick-and-mortar business, which they hope to open in May.

Moss and MacFadyen met in Seattle, where they were both working in the corporate world. Moss had always been

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992 Willamette St. used to house Poppi's Anatolia, but will soon be home to Moss Culinary Studio's new cafe. MILES CULL/THE REGISTER-GUARD

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