



The Hyundai plant in West Eugene is set to receive \$27 million in property tax exemptions as a result of the West Eugene enterprise program.

## Council to debate zone policy

**■ CITY:** The law, which grants tax breaks to local businesses, is believed to encourage too much growth

By Eric Collins  
Community Reporter

Many people might not have noticed the steady climb in development in West Eugene over the past ten years, but small business owners and corporations certainly have noticed \$42.6 million in savings.

These companies have taken advantage of the West Eugene Enterprise Zone policy, which gives a 3-year property tax exemption for businesses that follow certain zone requirements. Every ten years, the policy can be changed, and the policy is up for review by the City Council this March.

Tonight at 7, the council's Enterprise Zone Advisory Committee is holding a public meeting in the City Council Chamber at Eugene City Hall to hear opinions on revising the policy.

Since 1987, 43 businesses have taken advantage of this zone policy, subsequently creating about 1,000 new jobs. Small business owners have benefited by \$1.4 million in savings, while Hyundai, HMT Technology and eleven other projects have saved about \$41.2 million.



Ron Tinsley, owner of Custom Craftworks, which is located within the zone, said the exemption helped his business create 18 to 20 jobs. He said he thought most of the uproar regarding the tax exemption has come from recent concerns over the Hyundai plant. The plant has been approved for a \$27 million tax exemption.

"[This zone] helped mostly small business," Tinsley said. "Small businesses need all the help they can get."

To qualify for a property tax ex-

emption, businesses must meet several qualifications: businesses have to manufacture a good; they have to invest \$25,000 in new property or equipment; they have to agree to use the employment office for referring applicants; and they have to increase their employment by 10 percent.

Mark Jacobson, a member of the advisory committee, said additional requirements for future companies were being considered.

Denny Braud, City of Eugene zone manager, said the combination of releasing the city's Growth Management Study and the revising of the enterprise zone come at a good time.

The study, which was released Feb. 6, concluded that citizens did not encourage growth in Eugene and wanted new companies to pay their full cost of development.

The committee will report its findings to the Eugene City Council in March.

## Newspaper archives to be placed on Net

**■ USNP:** Knight Library recently received funds to place Oregon's newspapers into a nationwide archive

By Sarah Keech  
Freelance Reporter

A \$258,220 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities will allow the University Knight Library system to catalog and preserve all archived Oregon newspapers and place them on the Internet.

The grant was given to the University to help preserve the history of Oregon and to add to the U.S. Newspaper Project's nationwide archive, with online services provided by the Library of Congress.



For 12 years, the USNP has located and cataloged newspapers from across the country. With this grant, Oregon becomes the 49th state to

be included in USNP's comprehensive archive.

The project to collect, catalog and preserve on microfilm all past and present newspapers in Oregon will take several years and involve the work of many people.

"The initial grant covers two years of work, but we plan to apply for an extension of an additional year," said Karen Darling, head of the library's serials department. Darling will be coordinating the cataloging phase of the project.

Mark Watson, the USNP Oregon project manager, Darling and others will initially catalog the material already housed in the li-

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brary's microfilmed newspaper collection. From there they will fill in lost or missing issues and search the state for newspapers that are not already part of the University's collection.

"We plan to send letters out to public libraries, museums and historical societies to locate additional newspapers," Darling said.

Finding a new, undiscovered newspaper in Oregon is rare because the records have been kept up to date.

"We don't expect to find many because Oregon has been keeping records since the 1950s, and most newspapers have already been cataloged," she said.

An advisory board made up of librarians, journalists and historians will be set up to help with the project.

"They will work on publicity, help us find newspapers we may have overlooked and give us new ideas for the project," said Darling.

The USNP hopes that the history learned from the older newspapers will be preserved and accessible for future generations.

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