

# City council sends registration back

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DALLAS — After hearing objections from local businesses, the Dallas City Council decided to pause progress on its business registration proposal to refine it.

Several business owners attended a workshop on the topic on Monday night, before the council's regular meeting to express concerns about the proposal and a lack of communication from the city about it. They said the registration would be another layer of red tape for businesses.

As proposed Monday, the registration would have had three categories. The first is for most for-profit businesses that would pay the \$25 initial fee and \$10 annual renewal. Businesses in operation by Dec. 31, 2016, would be exempt from the initial fee.

The second category is for nonprofit entities, such as churches and charities. They will be required to register, but not pay the fee.

The last group of businesses already need to have licenses or registration in some form, such as taxicabs, solicitors, itinerant merchants, hotels and motels, garage sales and home occupations. Those would be exempt from the requirement.

City officials say the purpose of the program is to provide the city with basic information about businesses, including ownership, location, management, and the storage of dangerous or hazardous material. The latter will help police and fire services

if they have to respond to an emergency.

Councilor Jackie Lawson said the fact that not many business owners had heard about the proposed registration illustrates a problem the program would seek to solve: communication between the city and businesses.

"I look back at when we first started talking about doing this and, first and foremost, it was for communication," she said. "What I keep hearing from you is that you didn't know anything about it, which is part of the reason we were looking to do something like this."

She said whether it's through the registration program or another avenue, that needs to improve, she said.

Councilor Mike Holland said that when considering the program, the council needs to balance the needs of individual businesses and those of the entire community. He believed approving the registration would benefit the community by providing more information to first responders and the city.

"In this case we have a proposed program that has some very real safety components, some very real communication components to it," he said. "I just want to make the point, as we decide if we are going to move forward with this, let's not forget the larger community interests that are at work here."

The council voted 7-1, to send the registration proposal back to the city's Administration Committee to revise it.



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MaMere's new owners have turned running the guest house into a family affair.

# BE OUR GUEST

MaMere's celebrates 125 years, new ownership, partnerships

By Emily Mentzer  
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MONMOUTH — Emily McNulty has fond memories of working at a bed and breakfast on Prince of Wales Island in Alaska, where she grew up.

"For some reason, I just could not let this idea of someday owning a bed and breakfast go," she said. "It just wouldn't leave, so it's been percolating a long time."

When she and her husband, Mike, moved to Monmouth, she reached out to Terri Gregory, who owned MaMere's Bed and Breakfast.

"I wanted to learn more about the business," Emily said. "She let me come shadow her and work with her for a little bit. It just seemed to keep reiterating to me that this was something I needed and wanted to do."

Once her daughter, Olivia, was born, it sealed Emily's drive, even though it meant quitting a good job to pursue her dreams.

With the help of her par-

## Be our guest

**What:** MaMere's Guest House.

**Where:** 212 Knox St. N., Monmouth.

**Of note:** Mark your calendar for 2 to 6 p.m. on Sunday to stop in and take a tour of the historic building. The Howell House was built as a boarding home for women attending Western Oregon University. This year marks the home's 125th birthday. Now, the guest house can be rented by the room or in its entirety. An apartment in the Carriage House also may be rented. Rates start at \$89 a night. Left Coast Cellars will be on site pouring tastings.

**For more information:** mameresnbnb.com.

ents, Bill and Sarah Altlund, MaMere's was purchased from Gregory. Emily is the on-site manager of this family business.

MaMere's — historically the Howell House — intrigued Bill, he said.

"I liked the Monmouth community: it's size and location within the state, as well as the community's make-up," he said. "I liked the proximity of the business location to the unique downtown area, just a block away, the Western Oregon University campus just a block away, the city park just across the street, the historical significance of the house itself, and the friendliness of the folks in the Monmouth-Independence area."

Beyond the town, the region caught his attention, with wineries, the river, scenic backroads, mountains,

the coast and Portland all within easy driving distance.

"In my experience, there are very few locations within the U.S. which have all of these things going for them — and I have been across America multiple times on motorcycle trips," Bill said. "I have visited many other small communities in many other areas of our country."

The location is something Emily hopes to capitalize on.

"We've talked about moving toward a vineyard theme, but we're taking things slow and trying not to rush into it too fast," she said. "That's the other great thing about it being a family venture — good and bad — everybody has ideas; everybody has opinions — but lots of good ones, so we're

trying different things."

Emily's sister Katie helped ink the deal with Gregory and worked on details of the business plan. Emily's brother Eli will work as the part-time maintenance man, living on site at the guest-house. Younger sister Hannah will likely work during the summers, Emily said.

"It was my dream, and my parents really supported that, but now it's turned into this family accomplishment," she said.

The family working together in a business is kind of a tradition, built by Bill and Sarah's small pharmacy.

"Being an entrepreneur is definitely in our blood," Emily said. "We all worked in some way at that pharmacy. We had positive experiences doing that, so it's exciting to see where it might go here."

The McNultys and Altlunds see potential in MaMere's to fill a hole for the community — with cozy gathering spots for meetings, small parties for business or family, or music — or even a home-away-from-home for locals.

"That's the vibe we're going for," Emily said. "You can just relax and hang out if you want. Just really make it what you need it to be as the visitor."

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## Sudoku

Difficulty: ★☆☆☆☆

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### How to do Sudoku

Fill in the grid so the numbers 1 through 9 appear just once in every column, row, and three-by-three square. See example above.