

# STAFF REPORT 3/26/2025

То:	Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM:	Celina Jimenez, Director of Economic Development
Subject:	Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Master Professional Services Agreement with Deckard Technologies, Inc., for Short Term Vacation Rental Monitoring, Compliance, Enforcement, and Tax Collection Services in the Amount of \$34,387.50 for the second-year period of February 14, 2025 through February 14, 2026 and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract Amendment

# **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff Recommends that the City Council considers approving Amendment No. 2 to the Master Professional Services Agreement with Deckard Technologies, Inc., for Short-term Vacation Rental Compliance Services in the amount of \$34,387.50 for the second-year period of February 14, 2025 through February 14, 2026 and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract amendment.

## **BACKGROUND**:

The City's short-term vacation rental (STVR) monitoring and compliance program was launched in May 2018 and since then, the City's STVR market grew to approximately 350 STVRs, so it was determined that the City should solicit proposals from qualified firms to offer professional services to ensure the City has access to the most comprehensive and effective services in an effort to provide for a synergistic approach to managing the City's STVR program for all departments involved.

#### **DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS**:

Deckard Technologies ("Deckard") provided services for the first year, and all exchanges with them were positive. Deckard Technologies is professional, very responsive, and a great partner. They have been really good about providing support to staff, and have worked with City staff to immediately address any changes to the portal. Key services and features that Deckard Technologies provides include:

IDENTIFICATION, MONITORING & REPORTING	PRICE	
Identify property address	\$15,487.50	
Identify property owner address		
Estimated 450		
10,000 + Websites monitored daily, worldwide		
Daily Monitoring of all Calendar Activity		
Real-time Reporting of all New Listings		
FutureCost™		
Automatic identification of violations		
OUTREACH CAMPAIGN	PRICE	
Letter campaign to inform STR owners/hosts about tax requirements/ procedures	\$3 <i>,</i> 675	
All letter templates will receive City approval pre-campaign		
Campaign includes one introductory letter and two additional escalation letters		
STR REGISTRATION PORTAL	PRICE	
Online, intuitive portal for registration and renewal	\$5,250	
Fields customizable to meet City needs		
Pursue delinquent payments from hosts		
Provide daily reports on new and modified permits		
TAX PAYMENT PORTAL	PRICE	
Easy to use online tax payment portal	\$5,250	
Configurable tax, late fee and interest rates on a per-property basis	Annually	
Provide daily reports on tax payments and remittances to the City		
COMPLAINT 24/7 HOTLINE AND ONLINE FORM		
24/7 U.Sbased, bilingual Call Center with live agents (basic)		
Online complaint form (Complaint Form only \$2,000)		
REPORTING & ANALYSIS		
On Demand, Dynamic reporting offering multiple ad hoc reports	Included	
Filters allowing users to focus on specific segments of the STR population		
DEDICATED ACCOUNT MANAGER	PRICE	
Single Point of Contact for City staff for all matters	Included	
Ensures the City is following industry best practices		
Shepherds the implementation process from start to finish		
Periodic meetings/calls throughout the life of the account		
UNLIMITED ACCOUNTS & TRAINING SESSIONS		
No limit on the number of Rentalscape user accounts		
No per-session training costs		
TOTAL FOR YEAR 2	\$34,387.50	

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds have been budgeted to cover the cost of this contract for the portion of the term within FY 24/25. The remainder of the contract period will be included in the 25/26 budget request. The renewal options will be reviewed and approved pending satisfactory performance.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1. Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Master Professional Services Agreement with Deckard Technologies, Inc., for Short Term Vacation Rental Monitoring, Compliance, Enforcement, and Tax Collection Services in the Amount of \$34,387.50 for the second-year period of February 14, 2025 through February 14, 2026 and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract Amendment
- 2. Not approve

## **ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Amendment No. 2 - Deckard Technologies