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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 6, 2026
To: Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission
From: Kevin Kuchenbecker, Historic Preservation Officer
Re: South Dakota State Historical Society Agreement

The City of Deadwood, the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission, the South Dakota State Historical Society (SDSHS) Board of Trustees and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) are in a current agreement to provide services for the preservation and protection of Deadwood's historic resources. A close working relationship between Deadwood and the state is critical and this agreement has assisted in this relationship.

Under SDCL 19-19A-11.1, the State Historic Preservation Office would have 30 days to comment on any action taken by the City of Deadwood and Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission. This agreement brings the review timeframe into a much more manageable operation for projects and activities within the city limits of Deadwood. This agreement guarantees a five-day turn-around instead of 30 days.

The current agreement expired on June 30 of 2026, and the State is requesting the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission enter into another five agreement from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2031. The proposed agreement is for \$80,000 per year. The agreement which just expired (2023 – 2026) was for \$70,000 per year.

Staff is very supportive of our relationship with the SDSHS and SHPO; however, we are not able to determine what funding will be available for the proposed increase until we complete the 2027 budget process. Staff is recommending continuing this request until after the Historic Preservation Commission's budget meeting scheduled for later this month. At that time, we can adopt the proposal or recommend a stepped increase as we have also done with our agreements with SHPO.

MOTION: *Move to continue this item until the Historic Preservation Commission has time to establish the 2027 budget.*