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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 3, 2026
From: Kevin Kuchenbecker
Planning, Zoning & Historic Preservation Officer
To: City Commission
RE: Authorization to Purchase Real Property for Viewshed Protection
and Public Space

The City Commission is requested to authorize the purchase of approximately 2.25 acres of real property for a total purchase price of **\$315,437.50**. Funding will be provided by the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission for viewshed protection and the creation of public space within the Deadwood National Historic Landmark.

Legal Description:

- Tract F of MS #283, City of Deadwood, Lawrence County, South Dakota;
- Lots 1–8, Block 1, Howard Addition, City of Deadwood, Lawrence County, South Dakota; and
- Lot 6, Block F, Fargo Addition, City of Deadwood, Lawrence County, South Dakota.

The property will support access to the Whitewood Creek Trail and will be used for public open space, hillside and viewshed protection within the National Historic Landmark, a picnic area, parking, and a dog park. Acquisition will preserve the hillside setting while expanding recreational access and community amenities.

Staff further requests authorization for the Historic Preservation Officer to execute the purchase agreement and all associated documents necessary to complete the transaction, subject to any required legal review and customary closing conditions.

Recommended Motion: Move to authorize the purchase of the real property described above for \$315,437.50, with funding from the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission and authorize the Historic Preservation Officer to sign the purchase agreement and associated documents.