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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 18, 2024
To: City Commission
From: Kevin Kuchenbecker,
Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation Officer
Re: Approve subscription service - Deckard Technologies

The Planning & Zoning Office is requesting permission to switch providers of our third-party services in assisting the City of Deadwood track, monitor and enforce the short-term rentals within the city limits. Currently, we are in the final months of a three-year contract with Harmari at a cost of \$5,000.00 annually.

Recently, staff had a demonstration from Deckard Technologies on their services to assist municipalities with monitoring, reporting and enforcement of short-term rentals. Staff was impressed with the additional platforms which they mine for which appears much more robust than Harmari. The useability and reporting abilities of Deckard also appear more user-friendly. On top of these benefits, the cost savings results in a \$2,000.00.

If approved City Commission we will begin the build-out with Deckard Technologies during the last few weeks of our contract with Harmari and therefore, not have a lapse in the monitoring of the short-term rentals.

This office is requesting approval to switch our subscription agreement from Harmari to Deckard Technologies for third-party monitoring service of short-term rentals. Target date for transfer of services from Harmari to Deckard is May 1, 2024. Transfer of services would cost \$3,000 per year resulting in cost savings of \$2,000.

Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed this matter and recommended approval on March 6, 2024.

Recommended Motion:

Approve subscription agreement with Deckard Technologies for third-party monitoring service of short-term rentals.