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## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** July 3, 2024

**TO:** Planning and Zoning Commission

**FROM:** Kevin Kuchenbecker, Historic Preservation Officer & Planning and Zoning Administrator

**RE:** Conservation Easements – City of Deadwood Properties

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### COMMISSION AND STAFF FINDINGS:

Over the past two decades, the City of Deadwood and Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission has acquired a variety of parcels to protect the hillside environs surrounding the Deadwood National Historic Landmark District.

The conservation of eleven (11) properties owned by the City of Deadwood and/or Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission yield significant benefits to the public by protecting the cultural, historical, archaeological, natural, scenic, and recreational values of the properties. Further, the conservation of the properties will keep them free from new structures, alterations or changes that would encroach upon, damage, or destroy the historic properties within and surrounding the Deadwood National Historic Landmark District.

The conservation of the properties, subject to the terms of a Conservation Easement, will yield significant benefits to the public by protecting the properties in perpetuity.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review and recommend approval to the City Commission for the Conservation Easements on eleven (11) properties owned by the City of Deadwood and/or Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission.