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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 14, 2026
To: Deadwood City Commission
From: Justin Lux
Re: Northern Hills Taxi License Transfer

Northern Hills Taxi, which operates one City of Deadwood Taxi License, is being sold by Jessie Carsten. The purchaser is Ryan Mills. For the transfer, City of Deadwood Ordinance 5.48.070 requires that:

No business license shall be transferred from one (1) taxicab business to another except after finding by the Deadwood city commission that the proposed transferee is fit, willing and able to perform the service of such business.

On May 14, 2026, the Parking and Transportation Committee considered the request for a recommendation to the City Commission. We find Mr. Mills intends to operate the license without interruption. Mr. Mills understands Deadwood City Ordinance as it pertains to vehicles for hire. Mr. Carsten will assist Mr. Mills with the operation to ensure a smooth transition. The recommendation from Parking and Transportation was contingent upon receipt of the requisite applications. Those were received.

The Parking and Transportation Committee recommends approval of the transfer of Northern Hills Taxi's license from Jessie Carsten to Ryan Mills. The company itself will remain Northern Hills Taxi.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.