MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Kelly Brennan, Planner II

DATE: 02/25/2019

RE: 19TP004 – Rapid City Year End 2018 Population Estimate

Every year the Long Range Planning Division prepares a population estimate for Rapid City using a methodology approved by the United States Census Bureau. These estimates are based on approved building permits, housing demolitions, the Census 2010 occupancy rate and the Census 2010 persons per household rate for Rapid City. The 2018 year end Rapid City population estimate is 76,532, up 1.38% from the 2017 population estimate of 75,488. The average population growth since 2000 is 1.4%. A graph is attached showing trends in population growth from 2010 until 2018.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approving the Rapid City Year End 2018 Population Estimate.