MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal and Finance Committee
FROM: Sandy Smith, Long Range Planner I
DATE: March 24, 2016
RE: Rapid City Year End 2015 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 for Rapid City. The 2015 year end Rapid City population estimate is 72,861. The 2014 year end population estimate was 71,907. Maps are attached identifying locations of percent increases or decreases in single family residential, multi-family residential and group homes.

Please contact me if you have any questions.
### 2015 Rapid City Population Estimate

#### Building Permits

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#### 2014 Population Estimate:
71,907

#### 2015 Population Estimate:
72,861

#### Calculations:

- **402 Total Household Gain**
- **64.50% Occupancy Rate**
- **372 Net Household Gain**
- **2.29 Persons/HH**
- **1 Person/Group Home Unit**

### Notes:

- The occupancy rate and the persons per household are numbers from the Census Bureau for Rapid City.