

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 26, 2026

PREPARED BY: Michelle Nance, Assistant City Clerk

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 1442 APPROVING A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT 96-1 BETWEEN THE CITY OF PALM DESERT AND WVC RANCHO MIRAGE, INC. EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY SIX MONTHS TO AUGUST 27, 2026, AND FINDING THE PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Ordinance No. 1442 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT 96-1 BETWEEN THE CITY OF PALM DESERT AND WVC RANCHO MIRAGE, INC. (FORMERLY STARWOOD) FOR THE DESERT WILLOW, EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY SIX (6) MONTHS TO AUGUST 27, 2026, AND FINDING THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT."

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

On February 12, 2026, the City Council unanimously introduced Ordinance No. 1442 for first reading. This report provides for the City Council to waive further reading and adopt the ordinance. The ordinance shall be effective 30 days from adoption.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no direct financial impact with this action.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ordinance No. 1442

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AWARENESS CHECKLIST:

- Site-Specific Property Interest** – Councilmembers should check if they own or lease real property within 1,000 feet of the project site (Gov. Code § 87103(b); FPPC Reg. 18702.2).

- SB 1439 Applicability (Campaign Contributions)** – Applies to licenses, permits, or other entitlements for use, and to contracts or franchise agreements other than competitively bid, labor, or personal employment contracts.

Applicant(s)/Appellant(s): _____

Councilmembers should review any campaign contributions received within the last 12 months from parties or participants to the proceeding and must not accept contributions over \$500 from those parties for 12 months following the final decision (Gov. Code § 84308).

Note: These indicators are informational and do not constitute a legal determination. Each Councilmember is responsible for identifying and disclosing any disqualifying interests in accordance with the Political Reform Act and FPPC regulations.