



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 09/23/2025

REQUESTER: Ryan Riddel, Assistant City Attorney

PRESENTER: Ryan Riddel, Assistant City Attorney

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-37: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$5,382.84 FROM THE REFUNDS / REIMBURSEMENTS MISCELLANEOUS RISK MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT TO PAY FOR REPAIRS TO CITY OF NORMAN VEHICLES DAMAGED BY OTHER DRIVERS IN TRAFFIC COLLISIONS.

BACKGROUND:

Funding is required to repair City vehicles that are damaged by other parties. Most of the time, the City's vendor, Alternative Claims Management (ACM), collects funds from the at-fault driver's insurance policy to reimburse the City for damage. However, when insurance funds cannot be collected and charges related to the incident are filed with district court, a request for restitution is submitted by the City for inclusion with the charges.

This item requests appropriation of various payments which have been received to pay for repairs to City vehicles.

DISCUSSION:

Reimbursement has been received for the following incidents:

On June 13, 2019, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1167) received damage during the pursuit of an intoxicated driver. Safeco Insurance determined their driver to be at fault and after the City received payment for damage costs, a Loss of Use payment was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of \$2,733.36.

On September 18, 2019, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1149) received damage when it was struck by another driver from behind. State Farm Insurance determined their driver to be at fault and after the City received payment for damage costs, a second Loss of Use payment was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of \$1,757.16.

On February 14, 2020, a Fire Department vehicle (Unit 8) received damage when it was on an emergency call and was struck by another driver at an intersection. Gainsco Auto Insurance

determined their driver to be at fault and after the City received payment for damage costs, a Loss of Use payment was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of \$384.68.

On April 7, 2024, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1215) received damage during the pursuit of an intoxicated driver. Restitution was granted by the court and payments were ordered. A restitution payment was received from the District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$207.64.

On November 18, 2024, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1134) received damage when a juvenile occupant kicked out a rear window and door. Restitution was granted by the court and a check from the State of Oklahoma was received in the amount of \$300.

The collections outlined above, which total \$5,382.84, were received by the City and forwarded for deposit into the Refunds/Reimbursements Miscellaneous Risk Management account.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of R-2526-37 for the appropriation of \$5,382.84 from the Risk Management Fund, Refunds/Reimbursements Miscellaneous (Account 439-365264) to Miscellaneous Services/Uninsured Losses (43330104-44798) for repairs to City of Norman vehicles.