CITY OF NORMAN, OK
STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 08/11/2026

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-2627-9: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING $29,728.40 FROM REFUNDS / REIMBURSEMENTS MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS TO PAY FOR REPAIRS TO CITY OF NORMAN PROPERTY DAMAGED BY OTHER DRIVERS IN TRAFFIC COLLISIONS.

BACKGROUND:

Funding is required to repair City property that is damaged by other drivers in traffic collisions. Part of this funding is received from the City's vendor, Alternative Claims Management (ACM), who pursues payment from the other driver's auto insurance policy when a City vehicle is damaged. When other types of City property is damaged by a driver, the City seeks reimbursement directly from the driver's insurance. When insurance is not available, funds are received from restitution through criminal court matters or through repayment agreements directly with the other driver.

This item requests appropriation of these payments which have been received by the City.

DISCUSSION:

Reimbursement has been received for the following incidents:

On October 26, 2025, a Fire Department vehicle (Unit 23022) received damage when it was struck by another driver trying to back out of a parking spot. Geico insurance determined their driver was at fault and payment for damage was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of $2,898.31.

On September 1, 2024, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1143) received damage when it was struck from behind. The other driver had no insurance in place at the time so they entered into a repayment agreement with the City. Payments were received as follows: $170 on March 19, 2026; and $270 on April 10, 2026; for a total of $440.

On June 19, 2017, a Fire Department vehicle (Unit 7) was struck by another driver who changed lanes unsafely. Geico insurance determined their driver was at fault and an additional payment for Loss of Use was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of $47.50.

On February 28, 2026, a Transit Division parking lot barrier on Buchanan Avenue was struck by another driver who failed to properly navigate a turn. Traders Insurance determined their driver was at fault and payment for damage costs was remitted to the City in the amount of $2,450.

On November 2, 2025, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1223) received damage during the pursuit of a suspect driver. Federated insurance determined their driver was at fault and payment for damage was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of $5,267.62.

On December 2, 2025, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1157) received damage when it was struck by an impaired driver. Vault insurance determined their driver was at fault and payment for damage was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of $15,926.65.

On April 7, 2024, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1215) received damage during the pursuit of an impaired driver. Restitution was granted by the court and payments were ordered. The City received the following payments from the District Attorney's Office, totaling $2,698.32.

Check #7100511 (7/11/25) for $207.64
Check #7100842 (9/8/25) for $207.64
Check #7100989 (10/14/25) for $207.64
Check #7101126 (11/10/25) for $207.64
Check #7101294 (12/8/25) for $206.64
Check #7101439 (1/9/26) for $415.28
Check #7101607 (2/10/26) for $207.64
Check #7101880 (3/11/26) for $207.64
Check #7101952 (4/13/26) for $207.64
Check #7102117 (5/6/26) for $207.64
Check #7102260 (6/4/26) for $207.64
Check #7102429 (7/15/26) for $207.64

The collections outlined above, totaling $29,728.40, were received by the City and forwarded for deposit into Refunds/Reimbursements accounts. Staff now submits this request to reimburse the Transit Division for their expense as well as to place funds into the Fleet Division vehicle repair account for the damaged City vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R-2627-9 for the appropriation of the following amounts to reimburse repair expenses of City of Norman property:

$2,450.00 from Risk Management Fund, Refunds/Reimbursements (Account 439-365264) to Parking Services Maintenance & Repair Services-Building & Facility (Account 27550278-44210); and

$27,278.40 from Risk Management Fund, Refunds/Reimbursements (Account 439-365264) to Miscellaneous Services/Uninsured Losses (Account 43330104-44798).