



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 04/22/2025

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-2425-121: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$11,115.28 FROM THE REFUNDS / REIMBURSEMENTS MISCELLANEOUS RISK MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT FOR REPAIRS TO NORMAN POLICE 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, ACM, collects funds from the at-fault driver's insurance for reimbursement of this damage. However, when insurance funds cannot be collected and charges related to the same incident are filed by the District Attorney's Office, a request for restitution is submitted by the City for inclusion with the charges.

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

DISCUSSION:

Reimbursement has been received for the following incidents:

On August 30, 2023, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1225) received damage when the rear passenger window was damaged by an arrestee. Restitution was granted in the corresponding criminal case and monthly payments were ordered. The following restitution payments were received from the District Attorney's Office: \$100 dated 2/13/25 and \$100 dated 3/7/25.

On April 7, 2024, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1215) received damage during the pursuit of an intoxicated driver. Restitution was granted in the corresponding criminal case and monthly payments were ordered. The following restitution payments were received from the District Attorney's Office: \$207.64 dated 2/13/25 and \$207.64 dated 3/7/25.

On October 21, 2023, four Police Department vehicles (Units 1145, 1162, 1184, 1222) received damage when they were involved in the pursuit of a fleeing suspect driver. Insurance denied

payment so the City had to pursue reimbursement through the suspect's criminal case in district court. On April 7, 2025, the suspect remitted payment to the City, through his defense attorney, in the agreed settlement amount of \$10,500.00.

The collections outlined above, which total \$11,115.28, were received by the City and forwarded for deposit into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of R-2425-121 for the appropriation of \$11,115.28 from the Risk Management Fund, Refunds/Reimbursements (Account 439-365264) to Miscellaneous Services/Uninsured Losses (43330104-44798) for repairs to Norman Police Department vehicles.