



City of North Port

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF FORFEITURE FUNDS FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME PREVENTION, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, AND YOUTH SUBSTANCE-ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the North Port Police Department (“NPPD”) is a law enforcement agency that serves and protects the community and the City of North Port, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 932.7055, the proceeds of property seized by NPPD are deposited in a special law enforcement trust fund (“forfeiture funds”); and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes Section 932.7055 allows the use of forfeiture funds for certain purposes, including but not limited to crime prevention, safe neighborhood, drug abuse education and prevention programs, or other certain law enforcement purposes, provided that the City Commission grants authorization for the expenditure; and

WHEREAS, the North Port Police Department seeks authorization to expend forfeiture funds to support community-based crime prevention initiatives, safe neighborhood programs, and youth substance-abuse prevention and education efforts through partnerships with local organizations and community events within the City of North Port; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida finds that this resolution serves the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of North Port.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1 – INCORPORATION OF RECITALS

1.01 The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated in this resolution by reference.

SECTION 2 – RESOLUTION

2.01 The Chief of Police has presented his written certification, attached as Exhibit “A,” that the use of forfeiture funds pursuant to this resolution is in compliance with Florida Statutes Section 932.7055(5).

- 2.02 The City Commission for the City of North Port, Florida finds that the requested use of forfeiture funds by the Chief of Police complies with the requirements of Florida Statutes Section 932.7055(5), in that the funds will not be used to meet normal operating expenses of the NPPD and will instead further crime prevention, safe neighborhood, and/or drug abuse prevention.
- 2.03 The City Commission for the City of North Port, Florida authorizes the expenditure of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00) from the forfeiture fund for the purpose of supporting community-based crime prevention initiatives, safe neighborhood programs, youth substance-abuse prevention and education programs, and operational equipment (including law enforcement E-bikes) as outlined in the attached Exhibit "A."

SECTION 3 – CONFLICTS

- 3.01 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this resolution and any other resolution, in whole or in part, the provisions of this resolution will prevail to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 4 – SEVERABILITY

- 4.01 If a court of competent jurisdiction finds that any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this resolution is for any reason invalid or unconstitutional, that provision will be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the resolution.

SECTION 5 - EFFECTIVE DATE

- 5.01 This resolution takes effect immediately.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, in public session on June 23, 2026.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

PETE EMRICH
MAYOR

ATTEST

HEATHER FAUST, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS

MICHAEL FUINO, B.C.S.
CITY ATTORNEY