



**Todd R. Garrison**  
CHIEF OF POLICE

**EXHIBIT A**  
**Resolution No. 2026-R-27**

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**CERTIFICATION FOR USE OF FORFEITURE FUNDS**

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In my capacity as the Chief of Police for the City of North Port Police Department, I hereby request that the City Commission authorize the expenditure of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00) from forfeiture funds acquired during the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, totaling Eighty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$87,836.00) in accordance with the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act. The Department is not requesting authorization to expend the full balance at this time, but rather a portion of these funds as outlined below for the purpose of supporting crime prevention, safe neighborhood initiatives, community outreach programs, and youth programs.

According to Florida Statute §932.7055(5)(c)(3), no less than 25 percent of funds acquired pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act must support or operate programs related to drug treatment, drug abuse education, drug prevention, crime prevention, safe neighborhoods, or school resource officer programs.

The local law enforcement agency is granted discretion to select which programs will benefit from these funds. The Department proposes to allocate Forty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$43,000.00) toward qualifying community-based and prevention programs, as outlined below:

- Safe Neighborhood/Crime Prevention Community Shirts/National Night Out: \$26,000.00
- NAACP Event: \$2,500.00
- Teen Court: \$5,000.00
- Drug Free Youth Program: \$2,500.00
- Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse: \$2,000.00
- Citizens Public Safety Academy: \$5000.00

In addition, the Department requests Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) for the purchase of law enforcement E-bikes and associated equipment to enhance enforcement and public safety operations.

The total requested expenditure is Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00). The remaining balance of forfeiture funds will be retained for future eligible law enforcement purposes in accordance with Florida Statute §932.7055.

I hereby certify that the use of forfeiture funds for the above-stated purposes complies with the provisions outlined in Florida Statutes §932.7055(5). These funds will not be used to meet normal operating expenses of the North Port Police Department and will instead further crime prevention, safe neighborhood, and drug abuse prevention.

  
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Todd R. Garrison, Chief of Police