

EXHIBIT B
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-12

CERTIFICATION FOR USE OF FORFEITURE FUNDS

In my capacity as the Chief of Police for the City of North Port Police Department, I hereby request the City Commission authorize the appropriation of \$61,000 from the forfeiture fund for the following expenses:

1. Teen Court of Sarasota. \$10,000 for the Teen Court of Sarasota, Camp X-RAY program. Teen Court of Sarasota provides students, ages 8-18, with educational youth development activities that are designed to meet the specific needs of at-risk youth and student volunteers. In an attempt to make the community safer by reducing juvenile delinquency, all Teen Court participants become engaged in activities tailored to confront the many challenges facing youth in Sarasota County. The City of North Port, the North Port Police Department, and Teen Court of Sarasota have partnered to hold monthly programs for local Teen Court participants involved in using illegal substances. This expenditure will go to the Teen Court of Sarasota's drug prevention program called "Examine Reality About Your Decisions," also known as Camp X-RAY.
2. Specialized Equipment. \$51,000 for the purchase of specialized outer carriers and undervest shirts for Department officers. These newly designed outer carriers and undervest shirts are recommended by doctors because they allow Department officers to carry gear on their torsos, providing better weight distribution and lightening the weight of duty belts on the hips, improving officer's health and safety. Removing gear from the duty belt allows for a wider range of motion without the body interfering with the items on the belt. To accompany the outer carriers, new undervest shirts have been specifically designed to be worn under the carriers and provide an increase in the health, safety, and comfort of officers. The undervest shirts, when worn with an outer carrier, maintain the current professional appearance of the North Port Police Department uniform while assisting officers to maintain an appropriate body temperature and reduce irritation on the skin by keeping the torso cool and dry.

I hereby certify that the use of forfeiture funds for the above-stated purposes complies with the provisions of Florida Statutes Section 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.



Todd R. Garrison, Chief of Police

