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### Title

**RESOLUTION NO. R-1213-74:** A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$6,519 FROM THE RISK MANAGEMENT FUND REIMBURSEMENT/ REFUND MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT AND \$5,685 FROM THE RISK MANAGEMENT FUND BALANCE TO BE USED TO REPLACE TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT DAMAGED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

### Body

**BACKGROUND:** The City's Traffic Control Division maintains more than 170 traffic and pedestrian signals citywide using \$85,000 in the Division's operating budget (approximately \$500 per signalized intersection per year). These funds are used for the purchase of the various replacement traffic signal system components necessary for the safe and efficient operation of our traffic signals.

On July 9, 2011, a traffic collision occurred on Lindsey Street east of Berry Road resulting in damages to conduit containing fiber optic cable. The responsible driver was identified and the insurance company information was obtained for collection purposes. City staff repaired the damaged portion of the conduit.

On March 9, 2012, a traffic collision occurred at the intersection of Rock Creek Road and 24th Avenue NW resulting in damages to one of the traffic signal poles at the intersection. The responsible driver was identified and insurance company information was obtained for collection purposes. City staff repaired the damage to the pole.

On March 19, 2012, a traffic collision occurred at the intersection of State Highway 9 and Chautauqua Avenue resulting in damages to one of the traffic signal poles and the equipment attached to the pole at the intersection. The responsible driver was identified and insurance company information was obtained for collection purposes. City staff repaired the damage to the pole and the attached signal equipment.

On March 20, 2012, a traffic collision occurred at the intersection of Alameda Street and 24th Avenue SE resulting in damages to one of the traffic signal poles and the pedestrian signal equipment attached to the pole at the intersection. The responsible driver was identified and insurance company information was obtained for collection purposes. City staff repaired the damage to the pole and the pedestrian equipment.

On August 10, 2012, a traffic collision occurred at the intersection of Boyd Street and Flood Avenue resulting in damages to one of the traffic signal poles and the pedestrian signal equipment attached to the pole at the intersection. The responsible driver was identified and the insurance company information was obtained for collection purposes. City staff repaired the damage to the pole and the pedestrian equipment.

City Legal staff coordinated with the Traffic Control Division to pursue reimbursement of these expenses from the insurance companies of the responsible parties. On August 20, 2012, a \$3,445 check was collected from the responsible party's insurance company for the damage to the Lindsey Street location east of Berry Road. On August 20, 2012, a \$1,743.73 check was collected from the responsible party's insurance company for the damage at the Rock Creek Road intersection with 24th Avenue NW. On May 25, 2012, a \$5,685.10 check was collected from the responsible party's insurance company for the damage at the Alameda Street intersection with 24th Avenue SE. On August 20, 2012, a \$676.50 check was collected from the responsible party's insurance company for the damage at the State Highway 9 intersection with Chautauqua Avenue. On October 9, 2012, a \$654.03 check was collected from the responsible party's insurance company for the damage at the Boyd Street intersection with Flood Avenue. All five of the collected checks were deposited into account 043-0000-367.12-64,

Miscellaneous Risk Management.

**DISCUSSION:** The recent and unusually high number of traffic collisions involving damage to traffic control signal equipment has depleted the City's inventory of spare units. Replacement units are necessary in order to address future emergency situations. The Division does not have adequate funding in its operating budget to purchase the replacements units from all these collisions and needs to access the funds collected from the insurance companies in order to do so.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of a \$6,519 (from the four settlements where receipt of insurance funds occurred in Fiscal Year 2013) appropriation of funds from account 043-0000-367.12-64 (Miscellaneous Risk Management) to account 010-5023-429.32-12 (Traffic Signal Parts). Staff also recommends approval of a \$5,685 (from the one settlement where receipt of insurance funds occurred in Fiscal Year 2012) appropriation of funds from account 043-0000-253.20-00 (Fund Balance) to account 010-5023-429.32-12 (Traffic Signal Parts). These funds will be used for the purchase of replacement traffic signal equipment.