



# MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL

## Request to Include Topic on the City Council Agenda

**From:** Emily Kane, Deputy City Attorney      **Meeting Date:** July 25, 2023

**Presenter:** Emily Kane, Deputy City Attorney      **Estimated Time:** 30 minutes  
Lacy Ooi, Code Enforcement Supervisor

**Topic:** Proposed updates to Title 7, Meridian City Code, regarding Traffic and Parking

### Recommended Council Action:

Review and approve proposed updates to Title 7, Meridian City Code; direct staff to finalize ordinance for adoption.

### Background:

The City of Meridian's 2021–2025 Strategic Plan includes this goal: "[U]pdate ordinances and simplify processes in order to improve effectiveness and provide premier services to our citizens." One of the enumerated strategies supporting this goal is to "perform a complete review of all ordinances, codes and policies in the City of Meridian to assess their value and relevance to the community."

On October 11, 2022, City Council approved the plan of the City Attorney's Office to undertake a comprehensive overhaul and restructuring of the City Code, in order to improve the Code's clarity, consistency, effectiveness, and navigational utility. City Council directed this office to prepare proposed code updates and return regularly to obtain input and direction.

The City Attorney's Office worked with the Meridian Police Department's Traffic Team and Code Enforcement Division to prepare the attached updates to Title 7.

A guide to trailer types is attached for reference.

| EXAMPLE | TRAILER TYPE | DEFINITION |
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|    | <b>Travel Trailer</b>            | <p>Idaho Code defines as a trailer designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or emergency use that is small enough not to require special highway movement permits. Tow hitch is on the bumper of the vehicle.</p> |
|    | <b>Fifth Wheel Trailer</b>       | <p>Idaho Code defines as a trailer equipped like a travel trailer but with a raised forward section allowing a bi-level floor plan, and designed to be towed by a tow hitch (tow seat in the bed of pickup truck).</p>                                   |
|    | <b>Fold Down Camping Trailer</b> | <p>Also known as a “pop-up camper.” Idaho Code defines as constructed with collapsible partial side walls that fold down for towing, and unfold at the campsite.</p>                                                                                     |
|   | <b>Pole Trailer</b>              | <p>Idaho Code defines as a trailer used for transporting long or irregularly shaped loads such as poles, pipes, or beams.</p>                                                                                                                            |
|  | <b>Semitrailer</b>               | <p>Idaho Code defines as a trailer designed to carry persons or property, and some part of its weight and load rests upon or is carried by the towing vehicle.</p>                                                                                       |
|  | <b>Utility Trailer</b>           | <p>Idaho Code defines as a trailer designed primarily to be drawn behind a passenger car or pickup truck for domestic and utility purposes. Includes a farm trailer while being used to haul agricultural products or livestock.</p>                     |