



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: Lacy Ooi, Code Enforcement Supervisor **Estimated Time:** 15 minutes
Topic: Proposed updates to Meridian City Code section 13-2-6(C), regarding alcohol in City parks, and Meridian City Code section 13-2-6(S), regarding parking in City parks

Recommended Council Action:

Review and approve proposed updates to Meridian City Code sections 13-2-6(C) and 13-2-6(S); direct staff to finalize ordinance for adoption.

Background:

The current code provisions regarding alcohol in parks are structured such that to determine the applicable regulations require an initial analysis of which of the following circumstances apply:

- Alcohol sold or provided at public event.
- Alcohol brought to a public event from off-site for personal consumption.
- Alcohol sold or provided to attendees of private event where a temporary use permit is required
- Alcohol sold or provided to attendees of private event where a temporary use permit is not required
- Alcohol brought to private event from off-site for personal consumption where a temporary use permit is required
- Alcohol brought to private event from off-site for personal consumption where a temporary use permit is not required

This format has proven to be confusing for Parks & Recreation staff, police and code enforcement officers, and the public. The proposed update will provide clarity by establishing four circumstances and clear regulations for each:

1. Serving alcohol at a public event (event organizer must obtain TUP and alcohol catering permit)
2. Consuming alcohol at a public event (allowed within parameters of TUP)
3. Serving alcohol at a private event (event organizer must obtain shelter reservation and ACP)
4. Consuming alcohol at a private event (allowed within parameters of shelter reservation)

The proposed ordinance also updates the provision of Title 13 (the Parks Code) regarding parking in City parks, in conjunction with the proposed transfer of that provision to Title 7, Chapter 2 (parking regulations).