



MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL

Request to Include Topic on the City Council Agenda

From: Emily Kane, Deputy City Attorney **Meeting Date:** August 26, 2025
Presenter: Lt. Jamie Leslie, Meridian Police Department **Estimated Time:** 0.5 minutes
Topic: Resolution adopting an Administrative Policy of the Meridian Police Department regarding approved server training programs

Recommended Council Action:

Approve for Mayor's signature.

Background:

Meridian City Code section 3-7-3 requires waiters and bartenders who serve or sell alcohol to complete an alcohol server training and certification program approved by the Chief of Police within thirty days of employment.

Meridian City Code section 3-7-2(B) states that the Chief of Police shall approve a server training program providing such training and certification upon a determination that the program educates and tests participants on nine enumerated topics:

1. Consistently and accurately verifying patrons' proof of age and identification;
2. Recognizing false and altered identification documents;
3. Understanding the effects of alcohol on the human body;
4. Monitoring patrons' alcohol intake and/ or behavior;
5. Recognizing intoxicated persons;
6. Methods of refusing to sell or serve alcohol to intoxicated persons;
7. Providing alternatives to alcoholic beverages;
8. Problem solving in dealing with intoxicated and/ or belligerent patrons; and
9. All state and local laws and rules pertaining to the sale and service of alcoholic beverages.

Pursuant to Meridian City Code section 3-7-2(A), City Council is to effectuate by resolution the Police Chief's approval of the alcohol server training programs meeting this criteria.

MPD's list of approved server training programs was last updated in 2024, via City of Meridian Resolution no. 24-2490. Idaho State Police will now offer an alcohol server training. This resolution provides an updated list of approved server training programs, to include the ISP training.