

MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL

Request to Include Topic on the City Council Agenda

From: Emily Kane, Deputy City Attorney Meeting Date: May 13, 2025

Presenter: Emily Kane, Deputy City Attorney **Estimated Time:** 2 minutes

Ordinance no. 25 -2083: An ordinance repealing Title 13, Meridian City Code, regarding

Topic: parks and recreation regulations; adopting a new title, Title 5, Meridian City Code, regarding

parks, recreation, and forestry; repealing conflicting ordinances; and providing an effective

date.

Recommended Council Action:

Review and approve updates to the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Code, including moving it out of Title 13 and to Title 5, and eliminating Title 13.

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." This ordinance implements updates to Title 5, Meridian City Code, as part of this project.

These updates were discussed in public meetings held by the Meridian Parks & Recreation Commission on February 12, 2025, and by Meridian City Council on April 15, 2025. A public hearing on the proposed ordinance was held on April 22, 2025.