



MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL

Request to Include Topic on the City Council Agenda

From:	Kurt Starman, Deputy City Attorney	Meeting Date:	June 28, 2022
Presenter:	Kurt Starman	Estimated Time:	
Topic:	Public Hearing for Meridian Districting Committee Resolution 22-0001: A Resolution of the Meridian Districting Committee to Establish the Meridian Districting Plan		

Background:

The City Council created the Meridian Districting Committee (Committee) to assist the City establish City Council districts. The Committee held five meetings, conducted two public hearings, and evaluated six potential districting maps prior to adopting the attached Meridian Districting Plan.

Pursuant to Meridian City Code section 1-7-11(G), the City Council is required to conduct a public hearing concerning the Meridian Districting Plan. If the City Council determines that the Meridian Districting Plan satisfies the criteria set forth in Idaho Code section 50-707A, the City Council “shall adopt it by ordinance as the final Meridian Districting Plan.” Conversely, if the City Council determines that the Meridian Districting Plan does not satisfy the criteria set forth in Idaho Code section 50-707A, the City Council may remand the Plan to the Committee.

Under Idaho Code section 50-707A, “the number of districts [shall] correspond[] to the number of council seats determined by the [C]ity pursuant to section 50-701, Idaho Code” Additionally, “[e]ach district shall consist of one (1) or more contiguous election precincts as established pursuant to the provisions of chapter 3, title 34, Idaho Code, and each district shall, to the nearest extent possible, contain the same number of people based upon the most recent federal decennial census.”

If, after conducting the public hearing, the City Council determines that the Meridian Districting Plan satisfies the criteria set forth in Idaho Code section 50-707A, an ordinance has been prepared for the City Council’s consideration (please refer to the section of the agenda titled “Ordinances”).