

CITY OF MERIDIAN ORDINANCE NO. 25-2101

BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 11-4-3-11
CONCERNING DRIVE-THROUGH ESTABLISHMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code section 67-6511(2)(b), the Planning and Zoning Commission has considered the comprehensive plan and other evidence gathered through the public hearing process and recommended that the Meridian City Council adopt the following amendments to the Meridian Unified Development Code; and

WHEREAS, the City has complied with the notice and hearing procedures for amendment of the Unified Development Code as set forth in Idaho Code section 67-6509 and Unified Development Code section 11-5A-6; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Meridian deems it to be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of its citizens to incorporate the following changes to the Unified Development Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF MERIDIAN, IDAHO:**

Section 1. That Unified Development Code section 11-4-3-11 be amended as follows:

- A. A drive-through establishment shall be deemed an accessory use where the drive-through facility (including stacking lanes, speaker and/or order area, pick up windows, and exit lanes) is:
1. ~~Not within three hundred feet of another drive-through facility, from~~ Farther than three hundred feet (300') feet of another drive-through facility, from a residential district, use, or dwelling; ~~or an existing residence; or and~~
 2. Not the conversion of a tier 1 drive-through to another tiered drive-through in subsection (C) below; ~~Separated by an arterial street from any other drive-through facility, residential district or existing residence; or and~~
 3. Not within the O-T zoning district; and
 4. Designed in accord with subsection (D) below.

Otherwise, a conditional use permit is required.

- B. All establishments providing drive-through service shall identify the stacking lane(s), menu and speaker location(s) (if applicable), and window location(s) on the site plan submitted with

certificate of zoning compliance and/or the conditional use permit. Speakers are prohibited in the O-T zoning district.

C. Types of Drive-throughs.

1. Tier 1. A drive-through associated with a financial institution, automated teller machine (ATM), pharmacy, laundry and dry cleaning, restaurant limited to online and mobile ordering only, or other comparable uses, as determined by the Director.
2. Tier 2. A drive-through associated with a restaurant, limited to a designated order area, a stacking lane, and a pick-up window.
3. Tier 3. A drive-through associated with a restaurant providing either two (2) or more designated order areas, two (2) or more stacking lanes, or two (2) or more pick-up windows.

~~C.D.~~ AFor all drive-throughs, a site plan shall be submitted that demonstrates safe pedestrian and vehicular access and circulation on the site and between adjacent properties. At a minimum the plan shall demonstrate compliance with the following standards:

1. Stacking lanes shall have sufficient capacity to prevent obstruction of driveways, drive aisles, and the public right-of-way by patrons. Designated pick-up or pull-forward parking stalls may be required if the decision-making body determines that the stacking capacity is insufficient.
2. The stacking lane shall be a separate lane from the circulation lanes needed for access and parking, except stacking lanes may provide access to designated employee parking.
3. The stacking lane shall not be located within ~~ten (10)~~ twenty feet (20') of any residential district, use, or dwelling-existing residence.
4. Any stacking lane greater than one hundred ~~feet (100')~~ feet in length shall provide for an escape lane. Each stacking lane and designated escape lane shall have a minimum width of ten feet (10').
5. The site ~~should~~ shall be designed so that the drive-through is visible from a public street, or other readily accessible public space, for surveillance purposes.
6. The minimum stacking lane capacity shall be six (6) vehicles per lane for tier 2 or tier 3, and two (2) vehicles per lane for tier 1.
7. All drive-throughs shall submit a queuing exhibit demonstrating vehicle stacking per the lane capacity standards in subsection (D)(6). Each vehicle space within the stacking lane shall be based on a vehicle length of twenty feet (20').

Section 2. That all other provisions of the Unified Development Code remain unchanged.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Meridian, Idaho, this _____ day of November, 2025.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Meridian, Idaho, this _____ day of November, 2025.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Robert E. Simison, Mayor

Chris Johnson, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF SUMMARY:

William L. M. Nary, City Attorney of the City of Meridian, Idaho, hereby certifies that the summary below is true and complete and upon its publication will provide adequate notice to the public.

William L. M. Nary

SUMMARY OF CITY OF MERIDIAN ORDINANCE NO. 25-2101

An ordinance amending Meridian City Code as Codified at Title 11, Chapter 4, Specific Use Standards concerning drive-through establishments; and providing an effective date. A full text of this ordinance is available for inspection at City Hall, City of Meridian, 33 East Broadway Avenue, Meridian, Idaho.