

CITY OF MERIDIAN ORDINANCE NO. 23-2022

BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

**BORTON, CAVENER, HOAGLUN,
OVERTON, PERREAULT, STRADER**

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING TITLE 7, CHAPTER 3, MERIDIAN CITY CODE, REGARDING MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS CONTROL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 1990, pursuant to the newly amended Clean Air Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) made a finding that air quality in northern Ada County had failed to meet the National Ambient Air Quality standard for ambient carbon monoxide (“CO”), and designated northern Ada County as a nonattainment area for CO;

WHEREAS, in 1991, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”), tasked with addressing the nonattainment, entered into an Automotive Inspection and Readjustment Program Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) with Meridian, Boise, Eagle, Star, Garden City, and Ada County, which established the Air Quality Board for the purpose of operating a vehicle emissions testing program to reduce CO emissions, and pursuant to which the City of Meridian, with the other member agencies, agreed to implement its Motor Vehicle Emissions Control Ordinance, codified at Title 7, Chapter 3, Meridian City Code;

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2002, EPA redesignated the region as an attainment management area and approved DEQ’s proposed Northern Ada County Maintenance Plan (“Plan”), which included EPA’s requirement that Idaho continue vehicle emissions testing in northern Ada County, compliance with which was codified at Idaho Code section 39-116B and enforced by DEQ regulations;

WHEREAS, in December 2022, EPA authorized the discontinuance of vehicle emissions testing in northern Ada County, thereby repealing EPA’s federal mandate for such testing in Meridian;

WHEREAS, the 2022 Idaho Legislature repealed Idaho Code section 39-116B, thereby repealing the State mandate for vehicle emissions testing in Meridian as of July 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Meridian finds it to be in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare to repeal the local mandate for vehicle emissions testing in Meridian;

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

Section 1. That Title 7, Chapter 3, Meridian City Code shall be repealed.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall be effective on July 1, 2023.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Meridian, Idaho, this 27th day of June, 2023.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Meridian, Idaho, this 27th day of June, 2023.

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, City Attorney

SUMMARY OF CITY OF MERIDIAN ORDINANCE NO. 23 -2022

An ordinance repealing Title 7, Chapter 3, Meridian City Code, regarding motor vehicle emissions control; and providing an effective date. The full text of this ordinance is available at Meridian City Hall, City Clerk's Office, 33 E. Broadway Avenue, Meridian, Idaho.