



# MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL

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## Request to Include Topic on the City Council Agenda

**From:** Meridian Fire Dept **Meeting Date:** December 7, 2021  
**Presenter:** Deputy Chief Joe Bongiorno **Estimated Time:** 15 minutes  
**Topic:** Ordinance for Firefighter Air Replenishment System (FARS)

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### Recommended Council Action:

Ordinance Purpose: In December of 2020, the Nampa and Meridian Fire Departments adopted the 2018 International Fire Code, as adopted by the Idaho State Fire Marshal's office. Both departments also adopted Appendix L, which is Firefighter Air Replenishment Systems (FARS). This ordinance will specify when FARS is to be installed. Nampa and Meridian have worked together to come up with the same requirements for ease and to avoid confusion. Meridian has already had 2 projects where the developer has seen the benefits of FARS and are voluntarily installing them in their projects. In an email to the Firefighter Air Coalition, Chief Gervais from Boise Fire advised they will also be specifying when it will be required with the 2021 International Fire Code adoption.

Chief Johnson and I have reached out to the builders in the area, the Idaho Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and Idaho General Contractors Association. Both sent the documents out with a request for comment. No comments have been received as of the date of this memo.

I am looking for approval of the ordinance with an effective date of January 1, 2022.

Thank you,

Joseph Bongiorno CFI, CFEI  
Deputy Chief of Prevention

### Background:

[Provide context and reasoning for the recommendation]