

BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

CAVENER, LITTLE ROBERTS, OVERTON,
STRADER, TAYLOR, WHITLOCK

A RESOLUTION CALLING A LEVY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025 PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE SECTION 63-802(1)(g); DESIGNATING THE COUNTY CLERK OF ADA COUNTY AS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ELECTION; APPROVING THE FORM OF BALLOT; APPROVING THE FORM OF NOTICE OF LEVY ELECTION; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO CONVEY THE FORM OF BALLOT AND FORM OF NOTICE OF LEVY ELECTION TO THE COUNTY CLERK OF ADA COUNTY; DESIGNATING THE ADA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS THE CANVASSING BOARD; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Meridian has long prioritized responsible budgeting and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars; and,

WHEREAS, as one of the fastest-growing cities in Idaho, the City of Meridian has worked hard to meet the needs of a growing population while maintaining a conservative fiscal approach; and,

WHEREAS, rising costs due to inflation and declining revenues from contributing factors such as reduced new construction and legislative changes limiting the ability of local taxing districts to increase their budgets are adversely impacting the City of Meridian's ability to fund critical public safety services and meet the community's high expectations for fire, police, and prosecutorial services; and,

WHEREAS, to ensure the City of Meridian can provide consistent, high-quality public safety services now and into the future, a reliable funding source is necessary for specific public safety needs, regardless of fluctuations in other revenue streams; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code section 63-802(1)(g), the City of Meridian may increase its budget and levy by \$5,018,125.71 to provide reliable funding for firefighters, police officers, and a prosecution unit if sixty percent (60%) or more of the qualified electors voting on the budget and levy increase approve;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, IDAHO:

Section 1. That a levy election be held, and the same is hereby called to be held, in the City of Meridian on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City of Meridian the question set out in the Form of Ballot appearing in Section 3 below.

Section 2. That pursuant to Title 34, Idaho Code, the County Clerk of Ada County, Idaho shall administer the levy election, including, but not limited to, designating the polling

places, scheduling the polling times; preparing and printing the ballots; publishing the notice of levy election and sample ballot; and conducting the levy election.

Section 3. That the ballot will be in substantially the following form:

*****FORM OF BALLOT*****

OFFICIAL BALLOT

LEVY ELECTION PER IDAHO CODE § 63-802(1)(g)

CITY OF MERIDIAN, IDAHO

November 4, 2025

Shall the City Council of the City of Meridian (“City”) be authorized and empowered to increase the City’s budget and levy, pursuant to Idaho Code section 63-802(1)(g), by \$5,018,125.71 to provide ongoing funding for firefighters, police officers, and a prosecution unit?

The levy will be used to (1) retain 13 firefighter positions following the exhaustion of grant funds; (2) increase police officer wages to recruit and retain officers; and (3) fund a prosecution unit to prosecute crimes. The date of the election is November 4, 2025. The City will collect \$5,018,125.71 from the levy, beyond any amount otherwise allowed by law, beginning with the fiscal year commencing on October 1, 2026, which amount will be added to the City’s annual budget for the purposes of Idaho Code section 63-802 and continue each fiscal year thereafter. The estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer will be a tax of \$20.11 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions.

___ **IN FAVOR** of authorizing the budget and levy increase in the amount of \$5,018,125.71.

___ **AGAINST** authorizing the budget and levy increase in the amount of \$5,018,125.71.

*****END OF FORM OF BALLOT*****

Section 4. The Notice of Levy Election shall be substantially in the following form:

*****FORM OF NOTICE OF LEVY ELECTION*****

NOTICE OF LEVY ELECTION PER IDAHO CODE

Pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho and City of Meridian Resolution No. 25-2528, notice is hereby given that a levy election will be held in the City of Meridian on November 4, 2025, beginning at the hour of 8:00 a.m. and closing at the hour of 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City of Meridian the following question for their vote:

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Said election shall be conducted pursuant to Title 34, Idaho Code.

*****END FORM OF NOTICE OF LEVY ELECTION*****

Section 5. That the City Clerk of the City of Meridian shall convey to the County Clerk of Ada County, Idaho the Form of Ballot and Form of Notice of Levy Election, as set forth in Sections 3 and 4 herein, for election preparation and publication pursuant to Idaho Code.

Section 6. That the County Commissioners of Ada County, Idaho, will act as the canvassing board pursuant to Idaho Code and convey the election results to the City of Meridian.

Section 7. That if the ballot question is approved by sixty percent (60%) or more of the qualified electors voting on the question, the budget and levy increase shall be approved pursuant to Idaho Code section 63-802(1)(g).

Section 8. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Meridian, Idaho, this ____ day of _____, 2025.

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

APPROVED:

Robert E. Simison, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Chris Johnson, City Clerk