

BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

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

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING A LEVY MEASURE TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE VOTERS PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE SECTION 63-802(1)(g); REQUIRING THE REVENUE FROM THE LEVY MEASURE TO BE BUDGETED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Meridian (“City”) 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 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’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 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 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 levy measure (“Levy Measure”) approve; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to provide assurances that the revenue from the Levy Measure will be utilized to provide funding for firefighters, police officers, and a prosecution unit;

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

Section 1. That the Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer is directed to include \$5,018,125.71 in the City’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-27 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.

Section 2. That, beginning with fiscal year 2027-28 and continuing every fiscal year thereafter, the Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer shall verify that the proposed budget for the fiscal year in question includes a minimum of \$5,018,125.71 for the specific uses delineated in Section 1 above.

Section 3. That if the Levy Measure is approved by the voters on November 4, 2025, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after the results of the election have been certified by the County Clerk. If the Levy Measure is not approved by the voters on November 4, 2025, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void.

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