CITY OF MERIDIAN ORDINANCE NO. 26-_____

BY THE CITY COUNCIL: CAVENER, LITTLE ROBERTS, OVERTON STRADER, TAYLOR, WHITLOCK

AN ORDINANCE ADDING MERIDIAN CITY CODE SECTION 6-4-2, REGARDING JUVENILE RUNAWAY OR JUVENILE BEYOND CONTROL; AND ADDING 6-4-2(A) PROVIDING A PENALTY; REPEALING ANY CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Meridian finds that the following ordinance will serve the public health, safety, and welfare of the people of Meridian;

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

Section 1. That Meridian City Code 6-4-2 shall be added, to read as follows:

6-4-2: JUVENILE RUNAWAY OR JUVENILE BEYOND CONTROL:

It is unlawful for any person or persons under the age of eighteen (18) years, living or found in the city of Meridian, to attempt to run away, or to run away from his or her parents, guardian, or other legal custodian, or who commits or has committed any act placing such person beyond the control of his or her parents, guardian or other legal custodian.

(A) *Penalty.* A violation of this Section shall constitute a misdemeanor and is punishable as a misdemeanor pursuant to Idaho Code section 18-113, as amended, with the following qualifications:

1. Juveniles shall be punished in accordance with the terms of the juvenile corrections act, Idaho Code Title 20, Chapter 5, as amended, and any other applicable rules and regulations pertaining to juvenile offenders in the State of Idaho.

Section 2. That all City of Meridian ordinances, or resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

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 _____, 2026.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Meridian, Idaho, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

APPROVED: **ATTEST:**

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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.

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William L. M. Nary, City Attorney

SUMMARY OF CITY OF MERIDIAN ORDINANCE NO. 26 -_____

An ordinance adding Meridian City Code Section 6-4-2, regarding juvenile runaway or juvenile beyond control; and adding Meridian City Code section 6-4-2(A) providing a penalty; repealing any conflicting ordinances; and providing an effective date.