MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL

Request to Include Topic on the City Council Agenda

From:	Tishra L. Murray, Deputy City Attorney	**Meeting Date:**	October 6, 2026
Presenter:	William L.M. Nary	**Estimated Time:**	10 minutes
Topic:	Proposed addition of Meridian City code section 6-2-4, and 6-2-4(A), regarding juvenile runaway or Juvenile beyond control		

Recommended Council Action:

Review and approve the addition of Meridian City code section 6-2-4 and 6-2-4 (A).

Background:

The Ada County Juvenile Prosecutor's office has used the Ada County code to process this status offense for many years. Due to some recent litigation, they can no longer use the Ada County code in Meridian City cases. The City of Meridian needs a code for this status offense and a penalty.

Having this code in place allows a juvenile case to be handled under the Juvenile Corrections Act in the magistrate division of the district court. The focus is primarily on rehabilitation. Our neighboring cities already have similar codes.