

**CITY OF MERIDIAN ORDINANCE NO. 23-2031**

**BY THE CITY COUNCIL:**

**BORTON, CAVENER, HOAGLUN,  
OVERTON, PERREAULT, STRADER**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING MERIDIAN CITY CODE SECTION 13-2-6(C), REGARDING ALCOHOL IN CITY PARKS; REPEALING AND REPLACING MERIDIAN CITY CODE SECTION 13-2-6(S), REGARDING PARKING IN CITY PARKS; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Meridian Police Department (“MPD”) has recommended the following updates to the provisions regarding alcohol in City parks, set forth in Title 13, Meridian City Code, the Meridian Parks and Recreation Code, in order to clarify such provisions for the public and for responding officers; and

**WHEREAS**, MPD and the Meridian Parks and Recreation Department recommend that the parking provisions of the Parks and Recreation Code be amended in order to consolidate parking regulations in Title 7, Chapter 2, Meridian City Code, for expediency and clarity, and in order to authorize the parking enforcement in City parks by the issuance of parking tickets, as is allowed by Title 7, Chapter 2, rather than by personal service of uniform citations, as required by Title 13; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Meridian find the following updates to Meridian City Code will serve the health, safety, and welfare of the public within the City of Meridian;

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

**Section 1.** That Meridian City Code section 13-2-6(C) shall be repealed, and replaced with language to read as follows:

*C. Alcohol.* The sale, service, offer, provision, consumption, and/or possession of alcoholic beverages in a City park shall be prohibited, except where sold, served, offered, provided, consumed, or possessed in compliance with the following requirements:

1. **Serving alcohol at a public event.** At an event or activity open to the public, a person may sell, serve, offer, provide, or offer an alcoholic beverage to another person only pursuant to the terms and conditions of a valid temporary use permit duly issued for that event, and a valid alcoholic beverage catering permit duly issued by the City Clerk, if applicable. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, serve, offer, or provide an alcoholic beverage to another person, at an event open to the public, in violation of this provision. A violation of this provision shall be a misdemeanor.

2. **Consuming alcohol at a public event.** At an event or activity open to the public, a person may consume or possess an alcoholic beverage only pursuant to the terms and conditions of a valid temporary use permit duly issued for that event. It shall be unlawful for any person to consume or possess an alcoholic beverage in violation of this provision. A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus court costs.
3. **Serving alcohol at a private event.** At an event or activity not open to the public, a person may sell, serve, offer, or provide an alcoholic beverage to another person only with a valid shelter reservation, and a valid alcoholic beverage catering permit duly issued by the City Clerk, if applicable. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, serve, offer, or provide an alcoholic beverage to another person, at an event not open to the public, in violation of this provision. A violation of this provision shall be a misdemeanor.
4. **Consuming alcohol at a private event.** At an event or activity not open to the public, a person may consume or possess an alcoholic beverage only in conjunction with a valid shelter reservation. It shall be unlawful for any person to consume or possess an alcoholic beverage in violation of this provision. A violation of this provision shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus court costs.

**Section 2.** That Meridian City Code section 13-2-6(S) shall be repealed, and replaced with language to read as follows:

*S. Parking in parks.* The provisions of Title 7, Chapter 2, Meridian City Code, regarding parking, shall apply in city parks and pathway facilities.

**Section 3.** That all City of Meridian ordinances, or parts thereof, that are in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 4.** That this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Meridian, Idaho, this 22nd day of August, 2023.

**APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Meridian, Idaho, this 22nd day of August, 2023.

**APPROVED:**

Robert E. Simison, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

Chris Johnson, City Clerk