

MERIDIAN RESIDENTS TO DECIDE PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY

In July, the Meridian City Council voted unanimously to place a public safety levy on the November 4, 2025, election ballot, allowing residents of Meridian to decide on this investment in our community's public safety departments.

As one of the fastest-growing cities in Idaho, Meridian has worked to keep pace with the needs of our expanding community while maintaining a conservative fiscal approach. However, rising costs are putting pressure on the City's General Fund, which supports public safety services. This levy would provide critical ongoing funding to help sustain police, fire, and prosecutorial services to serve our residents.

IF APPROVED, THE LEVY WILL BE USED TO:

POLICE

Increase police officer wages to recruit and retain officers.

FIRE

Retain 13 firefighter positions following the exhaustion of grant funds.

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Fund a prosecution unit to prosecute crimes.

THE DATE OF THE ELECTION IS NOVEMBER 4, 2025.

The City would 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.



Learn more at meridiancity.org/publicsafetylevy

WHAT IS IT?

A local option levy is a voter-approved property tax measure that allows local governments, such as cities, to raise additional revenue for specific services or programs that the community values that aren't fully covered by the city's current budget.

HOW MUCH WOULD THE LEVY RAISE?

The levy is expected to generate \$5,018,125.71 in property tax revenue each year, based on the best available data, pursuant to Idaho Code section 63-802(l)(g), to support police, fire, and prosecution services.

WHEN IS ELECTION DAY?

The levy question will appear on the November 4th election ballot for Meridian registered voters. It will take a required 60% voter-approval for this levy to pass.

WHAT WILL THIS FUND?

If approved, this levy will:

- Increase salaries for sworn police officers.
- Provide ongoing salaries for 13 firefighter positions currently funded by federal grant funds.
- Establish an in-house City Prosecutor's Office.

WHO WOULD PAY THE LEVY?

Property owners within Meridian would pay for the levy, including homes, businesses, and other commercial buildings. The amount each property owner pays varies based on the assessed value of their property. The tax would not be paid by anyone who is not a property owner.

WILL THERE BE OVERSIGHT OVER LEVY SPENDING?

Yes. The City will track levy spending. Oversight will include financial reporting and alignment with the City's Strategic Plan objectives to maintain transparency and accountability.



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