

CITY OF MERIDIAN

RESOLUTION NO. 09-702

BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

BIRD, HOAGLUN, ROUNTREE, ZAREMBA

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, ADOPTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY OF THE MERIDIAN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT REGARDING METAL DETECTOR USE IN CITY PARKS AND FACILITIES; AUTHORIZING PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR TO CARRY OUT SUCH POLICY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Meridian City Code section 2-2-3(C)(3) charges the Parks and Recreation Commission with proposing and recommending rules and regulations for the control and regulation of the use of city park grounds and facilities, subject to approval by the Mayor and City Council;

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2009, the Commission did unanimously vote to recommend to the Mayor and City Council that the administrative policy attached hereto as *Exhibit A* be adopted as the City's approach to use of metal detectors in City parks and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Meridian to adopt such recommended policy;

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

Section 1. That the Administrative Policy attached hereto as *Exhibit A* is hereby adopted and effectuated by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Meridian.

Section 2. That the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department is authorized to carry out said Administrative Policy.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Meridian, Idaho, this 22nd day of December, 2009.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Meridian, Idaho, this 22nd day of December, 2009.

APPROVED:

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~~Tammy de Weerd, Mayor~~
Charlie Rountree,
Acting Mayor

ATTEST:

Jaycee Holman

Jaycee Holman, City Clerk

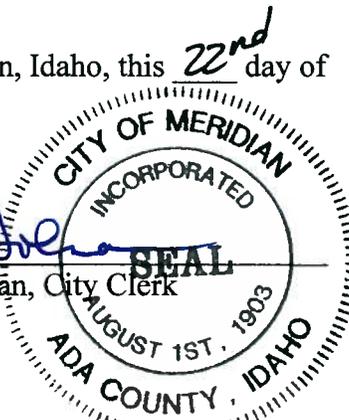


EXHIBIT A



Meridian Parks and Recreation Department ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

SUBJECT: USE OF METAL DETECTORS IN CITY PARKS AND FACILITIES

PURPOSE: To provide regulations governing the allowed time, place, and manner of using a metal detector within a City park or facility.

- POLICY:**
- A. **Regulations.** The use of a metal detector in any park, facility, or property owned or operated by the City of Meridian shall be allowed, subject to the metal detectorist's adherence to each and all of the following terms, conditions, and regulations.
1. Metal detectorists actively using metal detectors are expected to be ambassadors for their hobby and should observe the highest standards of respect for persons and property at all times. Metal detectorists shall not interfere with reserved activities, organized sporting activities, or other park users or activities.
 2. Metal detectorists shall not disturb sprinkler heads, pipes, irrigation system components, or any other infrastructure above or below the ground. Persons damaging or destroying City property, whether purposefully or inadvertently, shall be responsible for the cost of repair or replacement.
 3. Metal detectorists shall have access only to areas open to the general public. Metal detectorists entering closed or restricted areas may be subject to trespassing or other criminal charges.
 4. Only probes shorter than eight inches (8") and one-fourth inch (1/4") across may be used to dig. Metal detectorists shall not dig with knives, trowels, or other sharp or destructive implements.
 5. Plugs of earth or sod shall not be removed from the ground. Retrieval of an object from the ground shall occur by cutting a neat flap without removing the plug entirely, extraction of the object, and carefully reinstating the grass, sand or soil.
 6. Metal detectorists shall abide by all MPR rules and regulations.
- B. **Violation.** Failure to abide by all applicable rules and regulations may result in trespass from the premises and/or further available civil, criminal, and/or administrative action, including, but not limited to, exclusion from the park pursuant to Meridian City Code section 13-2-11.

AUTHORITY: Officers of the Meridian Police Department and Employees of the Meridian Parks and Recreation Department shall be authorized to require compliance with any and all terms of this policy.