

MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH THE
LANSING BOARD OF WATER AND LIGHT**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864, in said Township on June 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. local time.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following Resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____.

WHEREAS, the Lansing Board of Water and Light (“BWL”) is a municipally owned utility providing electric services within the geographic boundaries of Meridian Charter Township; and

WHEREAS, BWL utilizes the Township’s public rights-of-way and infrastructure to provide utility services to Township residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, under applicable state law, including the Michigan Constitution of 1963, Const. 1963, Art. VII, §29, MCL 247.183, and other enabling legislation, the Township has the authority to grant franchises and impose reasonable fees for the use of its public rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, Meridian Township seeks to enter into a Franchise Agreement with BWL establishing terms for BWL’s continued operation within the Township and requiring the payment of a 5% franchise fee based on gross revenues derived from BWL’s operations within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has reviewed the proposed Franchise Agreement and determined it to be in the best interest of the Township and its residents to ensure fair compensation for the use of Township infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, that the Township Board hereby INTRODUCES FOR PUBLIC AND SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION Ordinance No. 2025-05, titled “Franchise Agreement with the Lansing Board of Water and Light”.

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

