

ORDINANCE NO. 22-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA TO REVISE THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR OFFICIALS; TO PROVIDE FOR A FINANCIAL PENALTY WITH RESPECT TO VIOLATIONS OF THE CODE; TO PROVIDE FOR DISCIPLINE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Governing Authority of the City of Forest Park:

Section 1. Section 2-6-12 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Forest Park, Georgia is hereby amended by replacing said section with a new Section 2-6-12 to read as follows:

“Sec. 2-6-12. - Penalty.

(a) Any person violating any provision of this article is subject to:

- (1) Public reprimand or censure by the city council;*
- (2) Request for resignation by the city council; or*
- (3) Removal from elected office pursuant to the procedure established by section 5.16 of the City Charter.*

(b) Additionally, any member of the City Council, including the Mayor, found to have violated any provision of this article shall receive a deduction of ten (10) percent from their gross monthly compensation in the month following such determination by the Board of Ethics. Any subsequent violations shall result in additional cumulative ten percent penalties (i.e. 20% for second violation, 30% for third violation, etc.); provided, however, that in no event shall any penalty exceed \$1,000.00.”

Section 2. Section 2-6-8(f) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Forest Park, Georgia is hereby amended by replacing said section with a new Section 2-6-8(f) to read as follows:

“(f) With the exception of the penalty set forth in Section 2-6-12(b), findings of the board of ethics shall be submitted to the city council for action.”

Section 3. Section 2-1-32 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Forest Park, Georgia is hereby amended by a new Section 2-1-32 (d) to read as follows:

“(d) The compensation of the Mayor shall be subject to any penalty imposed by operation of Section 2-6-12(b) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Forest Park, Georgia.”

Section 4. Section 2-1-33 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Forest Park, Georgia is hereby amended by a new Section 2-1-33 (d) to read as follows:

“(d) The compensation of each member of the City Council shall be subject to any penalty imposed by operation of Section 2-6-12(b) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Forest Park, Georgia.”

Section 5. In the event any word, phrase, sentence or paragraph is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, the offending provisions shall be severed from the ordinance and the remaining words, phrases, sentences and paragraphs shall continue in effect as fully as though no challenge had been brought, it being the intent of the Council that severability be applied to the maximum extent allowed by law.

Section 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

SO ORDAINED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Mayor Angelyne Butler

Council Member Kimberly James, Ward 1

Council Member Dabouze Antoine, Ward 2

Council Member Hector Gutierrez, Ward 3

Council Member Latresa Wells, Ward 4

Council Member Allan Mears, Ward 5

ATTEST:

City Clerk (SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney