

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA WITH RESPECT ELECTIONS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WITNESSETH:

Be it ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Forest Park, Georgia as follows:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 2 of Title 2 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Forest Park, Georgia is hereby amended by deleting said Chapter in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a New Chapter 2 as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto.

SECTION 2. Approval of Fee Schedules. The schedule of fees for the various departments attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby approved.

SECTION 3. Intention of the Governing Body. It is the intention of the governing body, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances, City of Forest Park, Georgia, and the sections of the ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

SECTION 4. Approval of Execution. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Attestation. The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this ordinance, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 6. Codification and Severability.

(a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are and were upon their enactment believed by the City Council to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.

(b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that to the greatest extent allowed by law each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the City Council that to the greatest extent allowed by law no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

(c) In the event that any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the City Council that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent

allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases of the ordinance and that to the greatest extent allowed by law all remaining Sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases of the ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Forest Park as provided in the City Charter.

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

Exhibit A

Sec. 2-2-1. Election officials.

- (a) The mayor and council shall by resolution appoint a municipal election superintendent, election managers, registrars, absentee ballot clerk and any other officials as are necessary, all of whom shall exercise those powers and duties of election officials as set forth in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated as it now exists or is hereafter amended.

- (b) No person may serve as an election official in the City of Forest Park if such person has been found to have violated the election laws of the State of Georgia or any other state of the United States of America. In addition to the final adjudication of any court of competent jurisdiction, a factual determination of the Georgia State Elections Board shall be conclusive as to whether a person has violated the election laws of the State of Georgia.

Sec. 2-2-2. Voter registration deadline.

The deadline for registration of voters in city elections shall be as set forth in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated as it now exists or is hereafter amended.

Sec. 2-2-3. Notice of candidacy; filing dates.

Notices of candidacy shall be filed by candidates for offices of the governing authority as set forth in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated as it now exists or is hereafter amended. The deadline for filing the foregoing notices of candidacy shall be as set forth in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated as it now exists or is hereafter amended. Notices of candidacy shall be filed in the office of the municipal election superintendent during the hours set forth for the qualifying period.

Sec. 2-2-4. Qualification fees.

The qualification fee for candidates filing a notice of candidacy in any general or special election shall be as set forth in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated as it now exists or is hereafter amended, which fees shall be received by the municipal election superintendent at the time of filing the notice of candidacy and paid over to the city.

Sec. 2-2-5. Polling place.

The polling place shall be as fixed from time to time by resolution of the mayor and council.