

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF CLAYTON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-_____

1 A RESOLUTION BY FOREST PARK, GEORGIA COUNCILMEMBERS KIMBERLY JAMES,
2 HECTOR GUTIERREZ, LATRESA AKINS-WELLS, AND ALLAN MEARS CALLING A SPECIAL
3 ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE FOREST PARK CITY COUNCIL; AND FOR OTHER
4 LAWFUL PURPOSES.

5 **WHEREAS**, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Forest Park, Georgia (the “City”)
6 is the Mayor and Council thereof; and

7 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 5.13 of the City Charter, the mayor and councilmembers shall
8 serve for terms of four (4) years or until their respective successors are elected and qualified; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Councilmember Dabouze Antoine has vacated the office of Councilmember-Ward 2,
10 with more than six (6) months remaining in his term; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Section 5.17 of the City Charter provide that in the event that the office of mayor or
12 councilman shall become vacant for any cause whatsoever, the city council or those remaining shall order
13 a special election to fill the balance of the unexpired term of such official in accordance with Georgia law;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to authorize to issue a notice of the call of the City’s
16 Special Municipal Elections on March 18, 2025 for the purpose of filling the balance of the
17 unexpired term of the office of Councilmember-Ward 2; and

18 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131, the governing authority also desires to fix and
19 publish a qualifying fee for the municipal office to be filled in the upcoming Special Election.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**
21 **FOREST PARK, GEORGIA THAT:**

22 **Section 1. Call for Election.** A call is hereby made for a special election to be held in the voting
23 precinct of the City of Forest Park, Georgia on the 18th day of March, 2025, for the purpose of filling a
24 vacancy of City Council.

25 **Section 2. Qualifying Fees.** Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131, the City Council hereby sets
26 and publishes the qualifying fees for each City office to be filled in the upcoming Special Election
27 as follows:

28 Councilmember-Ward 2: \$ 432.00

29 **Section 3. Qualifying Period, Location, Date, and Time.** The election qualifying period for the
30 office of Councilmember-Ward 2 shall begin on Monday, March 3rd, 2025 through Wednesday, March
31 5th, 2025 at 745 Forest Parkway, Forest Park GA, 30297 [location] from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

32 **Section 4. Management and Administration of Election.** The City Council hereby authorizes
33 the Elections Superintendent to conduct the election on March 18, 2025 and shall perform any and all
34 functions of the City or its officials in connection with the conduct of such election or runoff thereof.

35 **Section 5.** The preamble of this Resolution shall be considered to be and is hereby incorporated
36 by reference as if fully set out herein.

37 **Section 6.** (a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that all sections,
38 paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Resolution are or were, upon their enactment, believed
39 by the Mayor and Council to be fully valid, enforceable, and constitutional.

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

46 (c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Resolution shall,
47 for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional, or otherwise unenforceable by the valid
48 judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Mayor and Council
49 that such invalidity, unconstitutionality, or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law,
50 not render invalid, unconstitutional, or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses,

51 sentences, paragraphs, or sections of the Resolution and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all
52 remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of the Resolution shall remain valid,
53 constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

54 **Section 7.** All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby expressly
55 repealed.

56 **Section 8.** The effective date of this Resolution shall be the date of adoption unless otherwise
57 specified herein.

SO RESOLVED this 16th day of December 2024.

CITY OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA

Angelyne Butler, *Mayor*

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney