

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_**

**SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MAINSTREET PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Park supports the revitalization and economic re-development of its historic commercial core;

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Park desires to maintain an economically vital and vibrant town center for its residents, visitors and tourists;

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Park sees an economically healthy downtown as one of its critical assets;

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Park realizes that a sustainable town center economy contributes to the community's economic health;

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Park recognizes its traditional commercial core as representing the unique history and culture of our community;

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Park wishes to maintain a livable, walkable town center with opportunities to shop, work, live and discover recreational, cultural and heritage opportunities;

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Park wishes to pursue investing in enhancing the quality of life for the community's citizens via the implementation of asset-based economic development strategies under the Main Street Approach®; and

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Park, may leverage technical assistance and other resources through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Office of Downtown Development to support the economic re-development and revitalization of the Forest Park Main Street district;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK:**

1. The City of Forest Park agrees to work with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Office of Downtown Development dedicating resources and financial support as available to create a successful downtown economic development program including strategies established by the National Main Street Center's Economic Transformation Strategies and the Main Street Approach®.
2. The City of Forest Park commits to work collaboratively the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Office of Downtown Development to meet the standards and principles of revitalizing and re-developing the core commercial district of the community as set forth in an annual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with

the Department of Community Affairs.

- 3. The term of this resolution shall be deemed effective for the life of an active MOU on file with the Office of Downtown Development, renewed annually, if standards outline in the MOU are met, commencing January 1, 2024.

SO RESOLVED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2023.

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Mayor Angelyne Butler

ATTEST:

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City Clerk (SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney