

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
THE HONORABLE ANGELYNE BUTLER, MPA



CITY OF
FORESTPARK

July 24, 2023

Forest Park City Council
Forest Park City Hall
745 Forest Parkway
Forest Park, GA 30297

Re: Veto Message (4140 Jonesboro Road)

Dear Colleagues:

After careful consideration, I hereby exercise my veto authority pursuant to Section 2.32(b) of the Charter and apply said authority to the resolution approving a Conditional Use Permit for Self-Storage located at 4140 Jonesboro Road, during the July 17th, 2023, meeting of the City Council of Forest Park. During the course of the staff presentation on the request in question, the following was brought to the attention of the Governing Body and hereby serves as the premise for my veto:

- I. First, and most egregious, is evidence of a widespread lack of compliance with our occupation tax code. In the most simplistic term, at the location in question, there were several businesses operating sans occupation tax certificates (business licenses).
- II. Staff offered several new conditions that were not previously presented to the Governing Body in an effort to address this lack of compliance. As such, sufficient time to consider these new conditions nor sufficient time to address alternative methods of achieving compliance was present. The only conditions that were available for our prior review were those included in the agenda packet.
- III. Additionally, the applicant stated at the meeting that the self-storage units would only be used by existing tenants at 4140 Jonesboro Road and not be available to the general public.
- IV. The application itself, which was submitted to staff and presented to the Governing Body, indicated that said units would be for the general public to use.

All persons operating within our jurisdiction limits of the City of Forest Park must be in full compliance with all local laws. To grant a request knowing someone is in any manner in non-compliance with the laws set forth by the Governing Body is not a practice we should normalize. Moreover, the Governing Body must approve the information presented in writing to us. Any changes should also be placed in writing and should restart the process to ensure staff has the appropriate time to review said changes before coming to the Governing Body. There is no room nor opportunity for ambiguity. But of the reasons listed above, (lack of compliance and blatant admission and application contradiction) said request, is hereby vetoed. In order for sufficient consideration, it is my desire that the applicant addresses the specific reasons for the denial and resubmit their application accordingly.

With the Utmost Respect,

Angelyne Butler, MPA
Mayor

cc: Ricky L. Clark, Jr., City Manager, Michelle Hood, Interim City Clerk