

STATE OF GEORGIA

CITY OF FOREST PARK

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-01**

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A FOREST PARK ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**WHEREAS**, the governing authority of the City of Forest Park is the Mayor and Council thereof;

**WHEREAS**, the governing authority of the City of Forest Park, Georgia desires to an entertainment district for the downtown area; and,

**WHEREAS**, the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Forest Park, Georgia, will be positively impacted by the adoption of this Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK HEREBY ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** That Code of Ordinances, City of Forest Park, Georgia is hereby amended by creating a new Article I to Chapter 2 of Title 9 as attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**Section 2.** The preamble of this Ordinance shall be considered to be and is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein.

**Section 3.** (a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are or were,

upon their enactment, believed by the Mayor and Council to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.

(b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and 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 Mayor and 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 phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section 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 Mayor and 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 phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of the Ordinance and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of the Ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

**Section 4.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed; provided however, that the provisions of Section 9.16.200 pertaining to pawnshops shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 5.** Penalties in effect for violations of the City of Forest Park at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance shall be and are hereby made applicable to this Ordinance and shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 6.** The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the date of its enactment.

SO ORDAINED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

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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

**EXHIBIT A**

ARTICLE I. FOREST PARK ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT