RESOLUTION NO. 2024-____

A RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBERS KIMBERLY JAMES, DABOUZE ANTOINE, HECTOR GUTIERREZ, LATRESA AKINS-WELLS, AND ALLAN MEARS TO APPROVE THE UTILIZATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS TO MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF RENTAL INCREASES ON SENIOR RESIDENTS AT FOREST STATION.

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Park ("City") is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Forest Station, a community with a significant population of senior residents, has recently implemented rental increases due to inflationary pressures and rising maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, many of the seniors at Forest Station live on fixed incomes and are particularly vulnerable to these rental increases, risking displacement or financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") provides federal funds to local governments to address economic challenges, and among the eligible uses of these funds is assistance to households facing housing instability; and

WHEREAS, given the current cost increases, the utilization of the ARPA funds to provide financial assistance to qualifying seniors at Forest Station is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City.

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK HEREBY RESOLVES:

<u>Section 1.</u> *Approval.* The utilization of ARPA funds to mitigate the impact of rental increases for qualifying seniors at Forest Station as presented to the Mayor and City Council on August 19, 2024 is hereby approved.

Section 2. *Public Record.* This document shall be maintained as a public record by the City Clerk ("Clerk") and shall be accessible to the public during all normal business hours of the City.

<u>Section 3.</u> *Authorization of Execution.* The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

<u>Section 4.</u> *Attestation.* The Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

<u>Section 5.</u> *Effective Date.* This Resolution 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 RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

CITY OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA

Angelyne Butler, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk (SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney