

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF CLAYTON**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-\_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA TO AMEND THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 8 (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT), CHAPTER 8 (ZONING), SECTIONS 8-8-4 (DEFINITIONS) AND 8-8-97 (RESERVED); TO PROVIDE AN ADOPTION DATE; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

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

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council finds it necessary to incorporate design, parking, and site location provisions within the zoning code for electric vehicle charging stations and parks; and

**WHEREAS**, this change adheres to all zoning procedures pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-66-36 and notice and hearing requirements pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-66-1, *et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, the City continues to exercise its zoning powers to provide comprehensive city planning and to ensure a safe, healthy, and aesthetically pleasing community; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendments contained herein would benefit the health, safety, morals, and welfare of the citizens of the City.

**BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA THAT**, and by the authority thereof:

**Section 1.** The City’s Code of Ordinances, Title 8 (“Planning and Development”), Chapter 8 (“Zoning”), Article A (“General Provisions”), Section 8-8-4 (“Definitions”) is hereby amended

by inserting the following two (2) definitions alphabetically behind the phrase “Easement” and before the phrase “Entertainment, live” to be read and codified as provided below:

*“Electric Vehicle (EV) means a vehicle that operates, either partially or exclusively, on electric power supplied by a rechargeable battery or other energy storage device.*

*EV Charging Station means a public or private parking space equipped with battery charging equipment used to transfer electric energy to a vehicle’s battery or storage device.”*

**Section 2.** The City’s Code of Ordinances, Title 8 (“Planning and Development”), Chapter 8 (“Zoning”), Article A (“General Provisions”), Section 8-8-4 (“Definitions”) is hereby amended by inserting the following two (2) definitions alphabetically behind the phrase “Erosion” and before the phrase “Event center” to be read and codified as provided below:

*“EV Park means a designated area or facility designed specifically for EV charging that includes multiple EV Charging Stations, enhanced landscaping, amenities, and public-use features.*

*EV-Ready means a designation indicating that electrical infrastructure is installed to support the future placement of EV charging equipment.”*

**Section 3.** The City’s Code of Ordinances, Title 8 (“Planning and Development”), Chapter 8 (“Zoning”), Article A (“General Provisions”), Section 8-8-4 (“Definitions”) is hereby amended by inserting the following three (3) definitions alphabetically behind the phrase “Legal nonconforming fence / wall” and before the phrase “Loading space” to be read and codified as provided below:

*“Level 1 Charging Station provides charging through a standard 120V AC outlet. Typically used in residential or low-traffic commercial applications.*

*Level 2 Charging Station provides charging through a 240V AC plug, often used in commercial, public, or multifamily locations.*

*Level 3 Charging Station (DC Fast Charger) provides high-voltage direct current (DC) charging, typically for rapid charging in commercial or public settings.”*

**Section 4.** The City’s Code of Ordinances, Title 8 (“Planning and Development”), Chapter 8 (“Zoning”), Article C (“Development and Use Standards”), Sections 8-8-97—8-9-109 (“Reserved”) is hereby amended by deleting the reserved section in its entirety and inserting new language to be read and codified as forth in **Exhibit A** attached hereto and incorporated herein.

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

**Section 6.** This Ordinance shall be codified in a manner consistent with the laws of the State of Georgia and the City.

**Section 7.** (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, 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 clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of the Ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

**Section 8.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

**Section 9.** The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the date of adoption unless otherwise stated herein.

**Section 10.** The City Clerk, with the concurrence of the City Attorney, is authorized to correct any scrivener's errors found in this Ordinance, including any exhibits, as enacted.

**ORDAINED** this 4th day of August, 2025.

**CITY OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA**

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Angelyne Butler, *Mayor*

**ATTEST:**

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*City Clerk*

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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*City Attorney*

## EXHIBIT A

### TITLE 8 – PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

[...]

### CHAPTER 8. – ZONING

[...]

### ARTICLE C. – DEVELOPMENT AND USE STANDARDS

[...]

#### Sec. 8-8-97. - Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and Parks.

- (a) *Purpose.* The regulations of this section are to regulate the location, design, and development standards for EV Charging Stations and EV Parks, encouraging sustainable infrastructure while ensuring safety, accessibility, and visual appeal in all zoning districts.
- (b) *Applicability.* This section shall apply to all new EV Charging Stations, EV Parks, and major modifications of existing Electric Vehicle (EV) infrastructure on non-residential, multifamily, and public sites.
- (c) *Permitted Locations.*
  - (1) EV Charging Stations are permitted as accessory uses in all zoning districts where parking is allowed, subject to site plan approval and compliance with this section.
  - (2) EV Parks facilities primarily dedicated to multiple EV Charging Stations and related amenities are permitted as a principal or accessory use in all zoning districts, subject to site plan review, permitting, and compliance with this section.
  - (3) EV Parks in residential zoning districts must meet all development standards herein to ensure compatibility with surrounding land uses.
  - (4) EV Charging Stations and EV Parks shall also be allowed as a conditional use in the Single-Family Residential District (RS) and the Two-Family Residential District (RT), subject to conditional use approval and compliance with all applicable development and design standards.
- (d) *Site Improvements.*
  - (1) All EV Charging Stations and EV Parks shall be paved with asphalt or concrete and clearly striped.

(2) All EV Charging Stations and EV Parks shall be designed to accommodate safe vehicle circulation and ADA-compliant access to EV Charging Stations.

(e) *Design Requirements.* EV Charging Stations and EV Parks shall be designed to be visually appealing and consistent with the surrounding built environment. The following elements are required:

(1) Landscaping.

- a. A continuous landscape buffer, minimum five (5) feet in width, shall be installed along all property lines adjacent to public rights-of-way.
- b. Decorative planting beds, ground cover, and low-maintenance shrubs must be used throughout the EV Park.
- c. A tree strip/island with one (1) canopy tree and appropriate ground cover shall be installed for every eight (8) parking spaces designated for EV Charging Stations.
- d. Landscape islands must be irrigated and maintained.

(2) Lighting.

- a. LED site lighting is required for safety and visibility.
- b. Fixtures must be shielded and downward facing to minimize light pollution.
- c. Lighting design must complement adjacent development.

(3) Fencing and Screening.

- a. All equipment, utility boxes, and transformers must be screened with decorative fencing, masonry walls, or landscaping.
- b. Fencing materials must be durable and visually compatible with the surrounding development.

(4) Signage.

- a. Signage identifying EV Charging Stations and instructions for use shall be prominently displayed.
- b. Wayfinding signage shall be included if EV Charging Stations are not visible from the main entrance.
- c. Advertising of any kind on EV Charging Stations structures is prohibited unless approved through a separate sign permit.

(5) Trash Receptacles.

- a. At least one trash receptacle must be provided per eight (8) EV parking spaces.
- b. Receptacles must be screened or enclosed to prevent overflow and litter.
- c. Site must be kept clean, with regular maintenance of landscaping and amenities.

(6) Informational Kiosks (Optional for EV Parks).

- a. EV Parks may include digital kiosks or static information boards with sustainability, transportation, or city promotional content.

(f) *Parking Requirements.*

- (1) All parking spaces for EV Charging Stations may count toward minimum required off-street parking.
- (2) All parking spaces for EV Charging Stations must be clearly marked for EV use only.
- (3) All parking spaces for EV Charging Stations must comply with ADA standards.
- (4) All parking spaces for EV Charging Stations must be a minimum of eleven (11) feet wide and twenty (20) feet long, with an access aisle of at least five (5) feet in width.

(g) Maintenance and Operations.

- (1) All EV Equipment must be kept in good working order.
- (2) Non-functional EV Charging Stations must be repaired or removed within thirty (30) days of notice.
- (3) Site must be kept clean, with regular maintenance of landscaping and amenities.

(h) Utility and Code Compliance.

- (1) Installations concerning EV Charging Stations and EV Parks must comply with applicable electric, building, and fire codes.
- (2) Applicants shall coordinate with the local utility provider for infrastructure planning.

Secs. 8-8-98—8-8-109. – Reserved.

