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**FORESTPARK**

# City Council Agenda Item

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**Subject:** Council Discussion to approve Case # TA-2024-02 – Text Amendment to clarify and revise certain provisions relating to event centers and similar places of assembly in Article A (General Provisions), Article B (Zoning Districts, Overlay Districts, and Design Guidelines Established), and Article C (Development and Use Standards), within Chapter 8 (Zoning) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Forest Park.

**Submitted By:** SaVaughn Irons-Kumassah, Principal Planner, Planning & Community Development Department

**Date Submitted:** May 8, 2024

**Work Session Date:** May 20, 2024

**Council Meeting Date:** May 20, 2024

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**Background/History:**

With a review of event centers and places of assembly, The City of Forest Park issued a 180-day moratorium on October 2, 2023, which prevented zoning verification applications and other applications for such businesses to not be accepted until an amendment was approved. On April 18, 2024, The City of Forest Park Planning commission voted to approve Case # TA-2024-02 – Text Amendment to clarify and revise certain provisions relating to event centers and similar places of assembly in Article A.- General Provisions, Sec. 8-8-4. - Definitions of the City of Forest Park Code of Ordinances to amend such section (D) adding event centers to definitions, Article B. – Zoning Districts, Overlay Districts, and Design Guidelines Established, Section 8-8-40 General Commercial District (GC), to amend such section and terminate the permitted use of Theaters, assembly halls, concert hall, or similar places of assembly when conducted completely within enclosed building in the permitted Retail and Business Uses section and only maintain places of assembly and event centers being permitted as a conditional Use, and Article C. – Development and Use Standards, Section 8-8-84. Limitations on Certain Businesses of the City of Forest Park Code of Ordinances to amend such section (g) spacing and add Subsection (11) Event Centers, within Chapter 8 (Zoning) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Forest Park. By Mayor and Council approving this text amendment, The Planning & Community development department will be able to lift the moratorium and authorize such business uses within the guidelines of the City of Forest Park Zoning Ordinance moving forward.

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**Cost:** N/A

Budgeted for: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Financial Impact:** N/A.

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**Action Requested from Council:** To Approve the proposed text amendment for Case # TA-2024-02.