

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK REQUESTING THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPT LOCAL LEGISLATION FOR THE CITY OF FOREST PARK TO INCREASE THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX TO PROVIDE FUNDING RESOURCES FOR PROMOTING TOURISM, CONVENTIONS, AND TRADE SHOWS AND TOURISM PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SUCH LEGISLATION, AND OTHERWISE PERFORM ALL NECESSARY ACTS TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Park currently imposes a 3% Hotel/Motel tax on all occupied rooms within the City;

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly authorizes municipalities to increase their Hotel/Motel Tax to 8% upon a request from the governing authority and passage of a local act by the General Assembly;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that the City would benefit from the imposition of this tax by providing additional revenues for the promotion of travel and tourism and the development of destinations for visitors to the City of Forest Park; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 48-13-51(b) provides that municipalities wishing to increase such tax must adopt a resolution which specifies the subsequent tax rate, identifies the projects or tourism product development purposes and specifies the allocation of proceeds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL IN REGULAR SESSION THAT:

1. The City of Forest Park hereby requests the State Legislative Delegation of Clayton County introduce and seek passage of a local legislative act authorizing Forest Park to increase its Hotel/Motel tax from the existing 3% to 8%.
2. The City of Forest Park intends to use the proceeds of such tax for any legal purpose, to include specifically, but not limited to, promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows by a qualified destination marketing organization designated by the City of Forest Park for such purpose.

3. The tax authorized by Section 48-13-51(b)(2) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and the proceeds of this tax shall be used in accordance with sections 48-13-51(b)(5) and 48-13-51(b)(6).
4. An amount equal to the total taxes collected under O.C.G.A. § 48-13-51(b), which would have been collected at a rate of 5% shall be expended in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 48-13-51(a)(3).
5. Any amount equal to not less than 50% of the total amount of taxes collected that exceed the amount of taxes that would be collected at the rate of 5% shall be expended for promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows by the destination marketing organization designated by the City of Forest Park.
6. Any remaining amount of taxes collected that exceed the amount of taxes that would be collected at the rate of 5% which are not otherwise expended pursuant to the previous paragraph shall be expended for tourism product development.
7. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

SO RESOLVED, THIS _____ day of _____, 2023.

Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney