

**STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF FOREST PARK**

ORDINANCE NO. TA-24-03

1 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY
2 OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA, CHAPTER 8 (ZONING), ARTICLE A (GENERAL
3 PROVISIONS), SECTION 8-8-4 (DEFINITIONS); ARTICLE B (ZONING DISTRICTS,
4 OVERLAY DISTRICTS, AND DESIGN GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED), SECTION 8-8-
5 40 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (GC)); AND ARTICLE C (DEVELOPMENT
6 AND USE STANDARDS), SECTION 8-8-84 (LIMITATIONS ON CERTAIN
7 BUSINESSES); TO PROVIDE SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL OF
8 CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN ADOPTION AND EFFECTIVE
9 DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

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

12 **WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to add a definition for the use "Event Center"
13 in the City's Zoning Ordinance and amend related sections thereto; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the City has complied with the notice and hearing requirements in
15 O.C.G.A. § 36-66-1, *et seq.*; and

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

18 **BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the City
19 of Forest Park, Georgia, and by the authority thereof:

Section 1. Chapter 8 (“Zoning”), Article A (General Provisions), Section 8-8-4 (Definitions) is hereby amended to include a new definition, to be read and codified alphabetically as follows:

“*Event Center* means a building and/or premises used as meeting or gathering place for social engagements or activities, where people assemble for parties, weddings, receptions, reunions, birthday celebrations, other business purposes, or similar such uses for profit, in which food and beverages may be served to guests.”

Section 2. Chapter 8 (“Zoning”), Article B (Zoning Districts, Overlay Districts, and Design Guidelines Established), Section 8-8-40 (General Commercial District (GC)) is hereby amended to include additional conditional uses to be read and codified as follows, with new text in bold and underlined font:

“Sec. 8-8-40. - General commercial district (GC).

[. . .]

Conditional Uses

Retail and Business Uses

- Auction galleries
- Automobile sales (used dealerships)
- **Event Centers**
- Flea Market
- Outdoor amusement enterprises, including carnivals, bazaars, miniature golf, and batting cages
- Mini-warehouses and storage buildings
- Night club, dance club, tavern and similar establishments
- Pawn shop
- Places of assembly

- Places of Worship
- Secondhand stores, including apparel, music, movies, gaming, and books”

Section 3. Chapter 8 (“Zoning”), Article C (Development and Use Standards),

Section 8-8-84 (Limitations on Certain Businesses), subsection (g) is hereby amended to be read and codified as follows, with new text in bold and underlined font and deleted text in strikethrough font:

“Sec. 8-8-84. - Limitations on certain businesses.

[. . .]

(g) Spacing. This Code section shall apply to the following types of businesses:

- (1) Hair salons and barbershops;
- (2) Nail salons;
- (3) Tire shops;
- (4) Pawn, title lending and cash for title shops;
- (5) Vapor shops and smoke shops;
- (6) Thrift stores and consignment shops;
- (7) Auto and truck repair shops (except that the spacing limitations shall not apply to such shops within the light industrial or heavy industrial zoning districts);
- (8) Appliances shops;
- (9) Tattoo shops; ~~and~~
- (10) Small box discount stores as defined in section 8-8-84(i); **and**
- (11) **Event Centers**”

69 **Section 4.** The preamble of this Ordinance shall be considered to be and is hereby
70 incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein.

71 **Section 5.** This Ordinance shall be codified in a manner consistent with the laws of
72 the State of Georgia and the City of Forest Park.

73 **Section 6.** (a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that
74 all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are or were, upon
75 their enactment, believed by the Mayor and Council to be fully valid, enforceable, and
76 constitutional.

77 (b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the
78 greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or
79 phrase of this Ordinance is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause,
80 or phrase of this Ordinance. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Mayor
81 and Council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence,
82 clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph,
83 sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance.

84 (c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this
85 Ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or
86 otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent
87 jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Mayor and Council that such invalidity,
88 unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not
89 render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases,
90 clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of the Ordinance and that, to the greatest extent

91 allowed by law, all remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of the
92 Ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.


93 **Section 7.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby
94 expressly repealed.

95 **Section 8.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
96 the Mayor and City Council of the City of Forest Park as provided in the City Charter.

97 **Section 9.** The City Clerk, with the concurrence of the City Attorney, is authorized
98 to correct any scrivener's errors found in this Ordinance, including any exhibits, as enacted.

99 **ORDAINED** this 20th day of May 2024.

CITY OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA



Angelyne Butler, *Mayor*

ATTEST:



Randi Rainey, *City Clerk*



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney