



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 5:30 PM
Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the City of Forest Park to enhance, strengthen, and grow our city by collaborating with our community to provide the highest level of service. Striving to be recognized as a diverse community that values and respects all members. We will strive to provide fair, professional, and courteous service through transparency and open communication. As we work to achieve this mission, we will have integrity beyond reproach while employing fiscal discipline and innovation. In this work there are no praises and raises for mediocrity.

Website: www.forestparkga.gov
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Phone Number: (404) 366.4720

FOREST PARK CITY HALL
745 Forest Parkway
Forest Park, GA 30297

The Honorable Mayor Angelyne Butler, MPA

The Honorable Kimberly James
The Honorable Hector Gutierrez
The Honorable Allan Mears

The Honorable Dabouze Antoine
The Honorable Latresa Akins-Wells

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager
S. Diane White, City Clerk
Mike Williams, City Attorney

AGENDA

VIRTUAL NOTICE

DISCLAIMER: For in-person attendance, all CDC requirements of Masks and Social Distancing is recommended.

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The Council Meetings will be livestream and available on the City's

YouTube page - "**City of Forest Park GA**"

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. 1st Public Hearing for Discussion on the Ordinance to Establish the Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate for the City of Forest Park, Georgia**

Background/History:

The proposed Ordinance is to establish the Ad Valorem Millage Rate for the City Forest Park for 2022 in accordance with the State of Georgia Code Section 48-5-32. The proposed Millage Rate of 16.743 is the same as 2021.

1st Read of Ordinance 22-16 – An ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK TO ESTABLISH THE FINAL AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE RATE FOR THE CITY OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

ADJOURNMENT:

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodation for Council meetings should notify the City Clerk's Office at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at 404-366-1555.



CITY OF
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City Council Agenda Item

Subject: 1st Public Hearing for Discussion on the Ordinance to Establish the Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate for the City of Forest Park, Georgia

Submitted By: Chiquita Barkley, CFO/Director of Finance

Date Submitted: September 28, 2022

Work Session Date: October 12, 2022

Council Meeting Date: October 12, 2022

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Cost: \$ 0

Budgeted for: _____ Yes _____ No

Financial Impact:

No Cost

Action Requested from Council:

Special Called Public Hearing - 1

NOTICE

The Forest Park City Council does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at Forest Park City Hall located at 745 Forest Parkway, Forest Park, Georgia on October 17, 2022 at 7:00 PM and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

**CITY OF FOREST PARK
CURRENT 2021 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY**

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|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Real & Personal | 653,907,188 | 686,632,924 | 798,201,427 | 681,843,495 | 779,757,855 |
| Motor Vehicles | 13,034,190 | 10,387,240 | 10,365,520 | 9,050,350 | 8,208,270 |
| Mobile Homes | 91,785 | 90,413 | 92,189 | 90,021 | 92,612 |
| Timber - 100% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Heavy Duty Equipment | 8,886 | 18,339 | 16,919 | 3,822 | 11,489 |
| Gross Digest | 667,042,049 | 697,128,916 | 808,676,055 | 690,987,688 | 897,113,084 |
| Less M&O Exemptions | (41,993,224) | (44,621,507) | (238,530) | (402,999) | (44,719,479) |
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| Gross M&O Millage | 0.023729 | 0.024093 | 0.019639 | 0.183693 | 0.020114 |
| Less Rollbacks | 0.006986 | 0.00735 | 0.002896 | 0.001563 | 0.003371 |
| Net M&O Millage | 0.016743 | 0.016743 | 0.016743 | 0.016743 | 0.016743 |
| Net Taxes Levied | 10,465,192 | 10,924,932 | 13,535,669 | 11,562,459 | 14,271,626 |
| Net Taxes & Increase | 493,810 | 459,739 | 2,610,738 | (1,973,210) | 2,709,167 |
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ORDINANCE NO. 22-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA, TO ESTABLISH THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WITNESSETH:

Be it ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Forest Park, Georgia as follows:

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Forest Park, Georgia authorizes the City to levy and provide for the assessment of ad valorem property taxes on all property subject to taxation;

WHEREAS, the valuation of all property subject to taxation by the City has been determined according to the tax digest prepared by the Clayton County Board of Tax Assessors; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council, after hearing and after duly considering all such relevant evidence, testimony and public comments, has determined that it is in the best interests of, and necessary to meet the expenses and obligations of, the City of Forest Park, Georgia to set a levy at the millage rate of 16.743 for all property subject to ad valorem taxation by the City;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The ad valorem tax rate for the City of Forest Park, Georgia for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, on property subject to ad valorem taxation by the City is hereby fixed at a millage rate of 16.743 on the assessed value of property subject to ad valorem tax by the City less any applicable exemptions.

SECTION 3. Intention of the Governing Body. It is the intention of the governing body, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances, City of Forest Park, Georgia, and the sections of the ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

SECTION 4. Approval of Execution. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Attestation. The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this ordinance, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 6. Codification and Severability.

(a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are and were upon their enactment believed by the City Council to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.

(b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City 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 City 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, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

(c) In the event that any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase 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 City 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 sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases of the ordinance and that to the greatest extent allowed by law all remaining Sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases of the ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. Effective Date. This ordinance 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 ORDAINED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Mayor Angelyne Butler

ATTEST:

_____ (SEAL)
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney