



## CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 12:00 PM  
Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

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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 Latresa Akins-Wells  
The Honorable Allan Mears

Ricky L. Clark Jr, City Manager  
Randi Rainey, City Clerk  
Danielle Matricardi, City Attorney

### AGENDA

#### VIRTUAL NOTICE

To watch the meeting via YouTube - <https://bit.ly/3c28p0A>

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:**

**ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. **Public Hearing #2 on HB 581 to Opt-Out- Executive Office**

**Background/History:**

House Bill 581, passed during the 2024 legislative session and signed by Governor Kemp, introduces key changes that will impact local government revenue. This bill includes procedural modifications to property tax assessments and appeals, a new statewide homestead exemption (which local governments can opt out of), and a local option sales tax aimed at providing property tax relief.

The third and final Public Hearing will be on February 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (When an Executive Session is required, one will be called for the following issues: Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate)

**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 404-366-4720.



# City Council Agenda Item

**Title of Agenda Item:** Public Hearing #2 on HB 581 to Opt-Out

**Submitted By:** Legislative Offices

**Date Submitted:** 02/4/2025

**Work Session Date:** 02/17/2025

**Council Meeting Date:**02/17/2025

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**Action Requested from Council:**

**Cost: \$**

**Budgeted for:**            **Yes**            **No**  
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**Financial Impact:**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
CITY OF FOREST PARK

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBERS KIMBERLY JAMES, HECTOR GUTIERREZ, LATRESA AKINS-WELLS, AND ALLAN MEARS FOR THE CITY OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA TO OPT OUT OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2.**

**WHEREAS**, Georgia Code O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2, effective January 1, 2025, creates a statewide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes levied by, for, or on behalf of the state or any county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school district in this state; and

**WHEREAS**, more specifically, O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2(i) authorizes the governing authority of any county, consolidated government, municipality, or school district to opt out of the homestead exemption otherwise granted with respect to such political subdivision through certain procedures and the adoption of a resolution by March 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Forest Park, Georgia (“City”) desires to opt out of the homestead exemption otherwise granted; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has complied with the required procedures pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2(i), including but not limited to, holding at least three public meetings on the intent to opt out and placing the required advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation and on its website as required.

**THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

**Section 1. Approval.** The Mayor and Council of the City of Forest Park, Georgia hereby **opts out** of the homestead exemption otherwise granted by O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2.

**Section 2. Public Record.** This document shall be maintained as a public record by the City Clerk (“Clerk”) and shall be accessible to the public during all normal business hours of the City.

**Section 3. Authorization of Execution.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

**Section 4. Attestation.** The Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution 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 RESOLVED** this 20th day of February 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*