



## CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED

Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM  
Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

Website: [www.forestparkga.gov](http://www.forestparkga.gov)  
YouTube: <https://bit.ly/3c28p0A>  
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

Ricky L. Clark Jr, City Manager

Michelle Hood, Interim City Clerk

Mike Williams, City Attorney

## AGENDA

### VIRTUAL NOTICE

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

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. Council Discussion on City of Forest Park Redistricting – Executive Office**

**Background/History:**

After each decennial US Census, the city must review and make necessary adjustments to Ward boundaries to ensure they have substantially equal populations. It involves making difficult decisions constricted by extremely complicated federal and state jurisprudence in the context of a political process. In an effort to get a jumpstart on the process, the City Manager has reached out to the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office to begin the process, which occurs only every ten years. Municipal redistricting can be accomplished either through a Local Act of the General Assembly or directly by cities through their Home Rule powers.

**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 404-366-1555.

## Population Summary

Monday, June 26, 2023

11:07 AM

**Summary Statistics:**

Population Range:	3,957 to 4,008
Ratio Range:	0.01
Absolute Range:	-29 to 22
Absolute Overall Range:	51
Relative Range:	-0.73% to 0.55%
Relative Overall Range:	1.28%
Absolute Mean Deviation:	13.20
Relative Mean Deviation:	0.33%
Standard Deviation:	16.78

District	Population	Deviation	% Devn.	[18+ _Pop]	[% 18+ _Pop]	[% NH_Wht]	[% NH_Blkl]	[% Hispanic Origin]	[% NH_Asn]	[% NH_Ind]	[% NH_Hwn]	[% NH_Oth]	[% NH_2+ Races]
001	3,983	-3	-0.08%	2,742	68.84%	9.64%	52.72%	31.89%	2.64%	0.13%	0%	0.4%	3.76%
002	3,991	5	0.13%	2,973	74.49%	12%	56.93%	23.63%	2.98%	0.48%	0.1%	0.8%	4.14%
003	3,957	-29	-0.73%	2,878	72.73%	11.9%	45.44%	35.05%	4.17%	0.3%	0.05%	0.43%	3.65%
004	3,993	7	0.18%	2,948	73.83%	12.8%	46.91%	28.98%	9.67%	0.15%	0.03%	0.38%	1.49%
005	4,008	22	0.55%	2,910	72.6%	15.52%	30.56%	35.93%	14.97%	0.12%	0.05%	0.55%	3.16%

**Total: 19,932**  
**Ideal District: 3,986**



CITY OF  
**FORESTPARK**

## City Council Agenda Item

**Subject:** City of Forest Park Redistricting – Executive Office

**Submitted By:** Ricky L. Clark, Jr., City Manager

**Date Submitted:** July 6, 2023

**Special Meeting Date:** July 10, 2023

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### Background/History:

After each decennial US Census, the City must review and make and necessary adjustments to Ward boundaries to ensure they have substantially equal populations. It involves making difficult decisions constricted by extremely complicated federal and state jurisprudence in the context of a political process. In an effort to get a jumpstart, the City Manager has reached out to the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office to begin the process which occurs only every ten years. The Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office is a joint office of the Georgia General Assembly responsible for providing the General Assembly with redistricting services. The office uses data provided to the State of Georgia by the U.S. Census Bureau for the purpose of redistricting. In addition to providing the technical assistance to redistrict, the office provides an array of maps and up-to-date data reports which include information on demographics, precincts, and local redistricting. Because the state code does not mandate that cities automatically reapportion after every census, it is important for local governments to understand the Constitutional law factors that may require it. Municipal redistricting can be accomplished either through a Local Act of the General Assembly or directly by cities through their Home Rule powers.

The overriding legal principle that triggers the necessity for reapportionment is referred to as “one person, one vote” as stated in Baker v. Carr. The principle dictates that in order for every citizen to enjoy his or her Equal Protection rights under the 14th Amendment, every citizen’s vote should be of generally equal mathematical weight. In other words, the voting strength of citizens living in one district should not be greater than the voting strength of the citizens in another simply because a great deal fewer people in one district enjoy the same amount of representation compared to another more populated district.

Based upon census information, the population range of each ward in Forest Park ranges from 3,676 to 4,273 which leaves the deviation percentage at about 7.20% for Ward One and a -7.78% for Ward 4. “Deviation” is the technical term utilized to describe the degree to which a plan fails to apportion population evenly among districts. Although districts should ideally be as even as possible, other constraints often make this impossible. From a historical abstract, according to the 2010 census, the population estimate was 18,468; however, recent population estimates for the 2020 census are at 19,932 – a 7.927% increase.

With the revised lines, as provided by the Reapportionment Offices, our deviation average is now .033%. The population range of the wards is between 3,957 to 4,008. The City Manager is recommending that Council closely

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review the maps as the revisions were done with no political intent in mind. Further the City Manager believes that the Council's final choice should be based on balancing the population within the respective wards vs. waiting until 2030.

While we recognize that this process is happening fast, with the new City Manager coming on board and no work being done, we reached out to the State as fast as we could. We will do our best to make this a public process so that all citizens are notified as soon as possible if adopted by the governing body.

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**Cost: \$**

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

**Financial Impact:**

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**Action Requested from Council:**

User: ForestPark

Plan Name: ForestParkcc-prop1-14data-2020data

Plan Type: Local

## Population Summary

Friday, June 30, 2023

9:04 AM

### Summary Statistics:

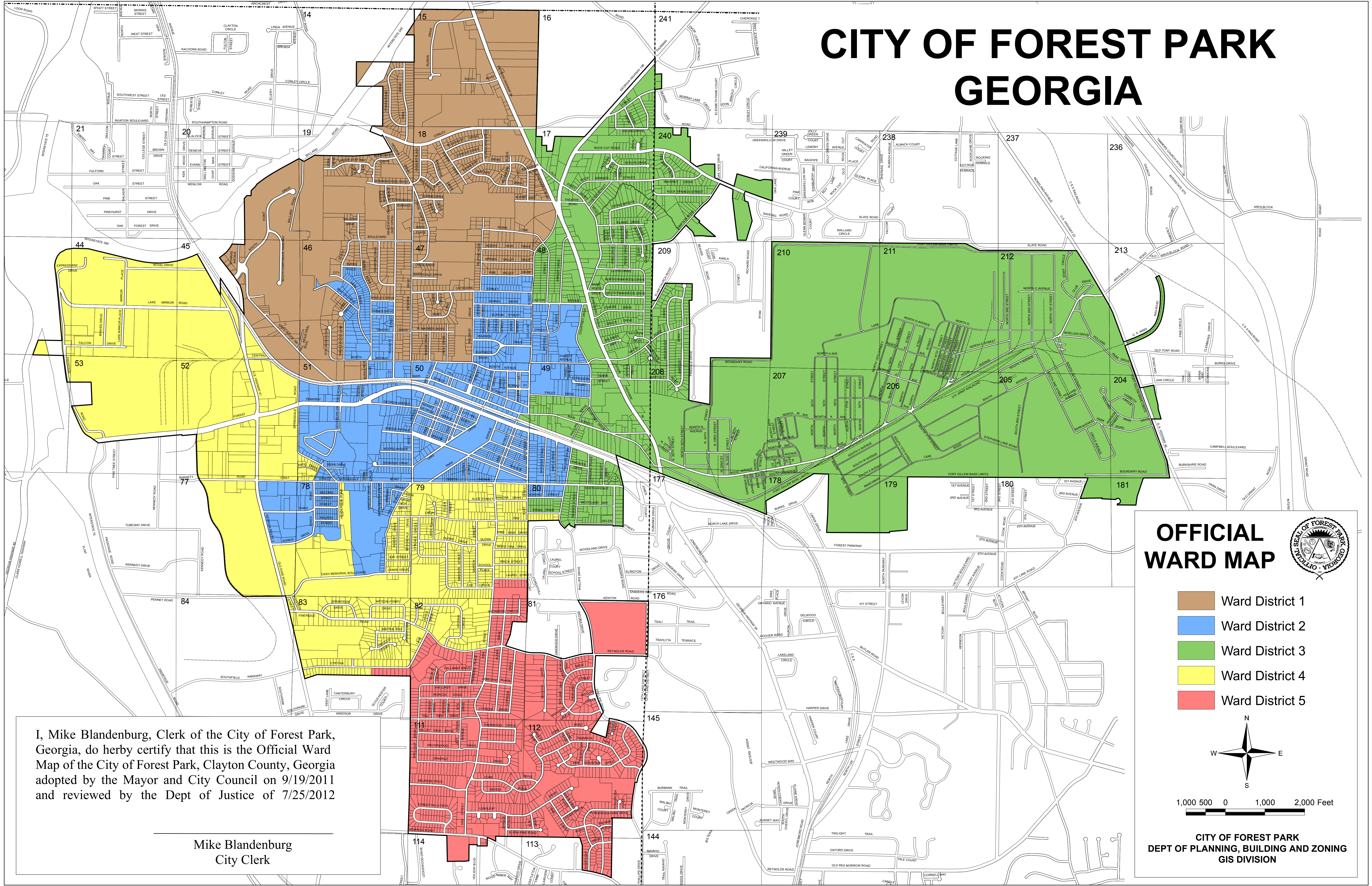
Population Range:	3,676 to 4,273
Ratio Range:	0.16
Absolute Range:	-310 to 287
Absolute Overall Range:	597
Relative Range:	-7.78% to 7.20%
Relative Overall Range:	14.98%
Absolute Mean Deviation:	196.80
Relative Mean Deviation:	4.94%
Standard Deviation:	223.83

District	Population	Deviation	% Devn.	[18+ _Pop]	[% 18+ _Pop]	[% NH_Wht]	[% NH_Blkl]	[% Hispanic Origin]	[% NH_Asn]	[% NH_Ind]	[% NH_Hwn]	[% NH_Oth]	[% NH_2+ Races]
001	4,273	287	7.20%	2,963	69.34%	9.99%	50.92%	32.65%	3.21%	0.16%	0%	0.49%	3.71%
002	3,994	8	0.20%	2,966	74.26%	11.87%	58.01%	23.54%	2.4%	0.43%	0.13%	0.7%	3.94%
003	3,805	-181	-4.54%	2,771	72.83%	11.09%	46.28%	35.03%	4.1%	0.32%	0.03%	0.45%	3.72%
004	3,676	-310	-7.78%	2,716	73.88%	13.3%	46.84%	28.02%	10.09%	0.16%	0.03%	0.35%	1.62%
005	4,184	198	4.97%	3,035	72.54%	15.65%	30.88%	35.83%	14.7%	0.12%	0.05%	0.55%	3.06%

**Total: 19,932**

**Ideal District: 3,986**

# CITY OF FOREST PARK GEORGIA



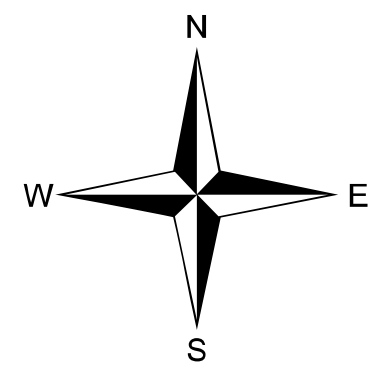
I, Mike Bladenburg, Clerk of the City of Forest Park, Georgia, do hereby certify that this is the Official Ward Map of the City of Forest Park, Clayton County, Georgia adopted by the Mayor and City Council on 9/19/2011 and reviewed by the Dept of Justice of 7/25/2012

Mike Bladenburg  
City Clerk

## OFFICIAL WARD MAP



- Ward District 1
- Ward District 2
- Ward District 3
- Ward District 4
- Ward District 5



1,000 500 0 1,000 2,000 Feet

CITY OF FOREST PARK  
DEPT OF PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING  
GIS DIVISION

# Draft of Forest Park City Council Districts

Item #1.

client: Forest Park  
type: Local  
plan: ForestPark-Draft-2023

Dark Red Line Indicates Current District Lines

