



Why Do Business In Forest Park?

Located roughly 10 miles south of Atlanta, the City of Forest Park was incorporated in 1908 and is home to a population of nearly 20,000 residents in Clayton County, Georgia, as well as many flourishing small, medium and large businesses. The city is roughly five miles from the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, with easy access to I-75, I-285 and I-675.

Major industries in the local area include construction, transportation, trade and logistics, healthcare and support services. The city is also a short drive from several major attractions, including the Gillem Logistics Center, Georgia State Farmer's Market, Atlanta Motor Speedway and Clayton State University. For more information, visit www.forestparkga.gov/building.

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Economic Development Department

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INFORMATION GUIDE

Business Recruitment & Retention

The Economic Development Department serves as a resource for business recruitment, retention and expansion. City staff can assist current and/or new business owners in a variety of ways including, but not limited to:

- Commercial Development
- Site Selection
- Federal, Local, & State Incentives

The department also works closely with the City of Forest Park Development Authority, Downtown Development Authority and Urban Redevelopment Authority to attract new industry and developments to the city.

Start A Business

If you're interested in starting a business, the city can assist with connecting you to available resources and organizations. Please contact the Economic Development Department for additional details.

Incentives

Opportunity Zone Tax Credit: The city has a designated Opportunity Zone through the State of Georgia. The Opportunity Zone allows new and existing businesses in the targeted area to qualify for a job tax credit of up to \$3,500 per job, as long as the business creates two or more jobs.

Façade Grant Program: covers a percentage of the cost of exterior improvements for commercial buildings in targeted areas of the city.

Forest Park Business Association

Mission

The Forest Park Business Association aims to foster a thriving business environment through professional development, community engagement, and the cultivation of new relationships between local business owners and the City of Forest Park. Organizations of all sizes and types who want to broaden their reach and develop longstanding partnerships are welcome to join.

Benefits

- Quarterly Meetings
- Access to Business Development Events
- Networking & Community Service Opportunities
- Business Directory listing on the FPBA website.

How Do I Become A Member?

There is **NO COST** to join the Forest Park Business Association. If you are interested in becoming a member of the association, please email econdev@forestparkga.gov or call 404-366-4720 ext. 521.



Filming in Forest Park

Film permitting for all productions taking place within the city limits are handled by the city's Economic Development Department. The city also offers several filming locations throughout the city for film and television productions. The following locations are available for filming:

- Old Forest Park Jail
- Starr Park & Starr Park Pool
- Kiwanis Stadium
- Forest Park Recreation & Aquatic Center
- Leonard Hartsfield Senior Community Center
- Forest Park Senior Center
- Main Street Fountain Area

How Do I Apply For A Film Permit?

Permit applications can be submitted in person to the Economic Development Project Manager at 785 Forest Parkway Forest Park, GA 30297 or emailed to dhamid@forestparkga.gov.

The application must be submitted at least 5 business days prior to the start of production, but once received, it typically takes two to three business days to receive the permit.

Film Permit Fees & Rates

Fees and rates for film permits vary based on the scope of production. The permit application and rates can be found at www.forestparkga.gov/building/page/filming-forest-park.