



## **Important Notice for Business License Applicants**

**In 2020, the City Council passed a business limitation ordinance (Sec. 8.8.42) that limits certain types of businesses from operating within the City of Forest Park, due to an oversaturation of these types of businesses. These limitations fall into two categories:**

**Numerical limitations—** there is a limit on the number of these businesses allowed within the City of Forest Park. For example, a person would not be able to open a new tire shop because the City has reached the maximum number of tire shops.

### **Business types with numerical limitations:**

- A. Tire Shops
- B. Vapor Shops & Smoke Shops
- C. Thrift Stores & Consignment Shops
- D. Appliance Shops
- E. Small Box Discount Stores (such as convenience stores or dollar/value stores)

**Spacing or Distance limitations—** certain types of businesses are prohibited from opening within five thousand two hundred eighty (5,280) feet (1 mile) of an existing business of the same type. For example, a person would not be allowed to open a new hair salon within one (1) mile of an existing hair salon.

### **Business types with spacing/distance limitations:**

- A. Hair Salons and Barbershops
- B. Nail Salons
- C. Tire Shops
- D. Pawn Shops, Title Lending, and Cash for Title Shops
- E. Vapor Shops & Smoke Shops
- F. Thrift Stores & Consignment Shops
- G. Auto Shops
- H. Appliance Shops
- I. Tattoo Shops
- J. Small Box Discount Stores (such as convenience stores or dollar/value stores)

These limitations do not apply to businesses located within indoor shopping centers, malls, or flea markets. This exemption does not apply to those businesses located on the exterior of these types of properties.

**Application and permit decisions shall be valid for six (6) months from decision date.**