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TIRE REDEMPTION PROGRAM CLEARS INITIAL PROCESS

On November 3, 2009, The Memphis City Council initially approved a Tire Ordinance which paves the way for a tire redemption program that will reduce the amount of community blight associated with the illegal dumping of waste tires.

The large volume of phone calls received by the Council Office and various other departments within city government since the announcement of this program indicates there is great interest and anticipation among citizens wanting to participate. Those citizens interested in redeeming waste tires for \$1 each should be aware of the following:

When will the program begin?

- The tire redemption program will begin soon. Council action taken on November 3 was the first in several approval steps that must be taken before citizens can begin taking tires to the redemption facility. Another vote by the Council and approval by the Mayor are two additional steps necessary before the program takes effect.

Who do I talk to about eligibility requirements?

- A summary of the Tire Redemption Program and a copy of the Tire Ordinance can be found on the City Council website at www.memphiscitycouncil.com. Registered tire haulers and tire businesses that generate waste tires cannot participate in this program.

Where do I take the waste tires?

- Tires will be accepted once the approval process is complete. The Council will release details about the redemption site in the next few weeks.

Will I get the money for my waste tires immediately?

- No. Citizens must present a valid Tennessee identification verifying that they are a resident of Shelby County. They must also sign an affidavit verifying that they are not a hauler and that the tires were lawfully acquired in Shelby County. A check for payment will be mailed to them.

How do Waste Tire Generators find out about the compliance regulations?

- Please view the Tire Summary and Tire Ordinance on the City Council website at www.memphiscitycouncil.com. Generators have six (6) months to comply with the provisions of the ordinance.