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Tom Needham, P.E.
Director of Public Works
Shelby County Government
160 North Main St., #801
Memphis, TN 38103

RE: Sanitary sewers in unincorporated Shelby County

Dear Mr. Needham:

As part of the City of Memphis' effort to better manage, monitor and provide services throughout its current and future boundaries, effective immediately, the City of Memphis will not approve any new connections to its sanitary sewer system outside of the Memphis corporate limits. The only exception to this policy is that a proposed phase of a planned development, subdivision, or sewer extension with an existing executed contract with approved plans, (burden of proof will be upon the developer) will be allowed to connect to the Memphis sewer system as designed.

The City of Memphis will continue to accept and treat sewerage from existing permitted connections within unincorporated Shelby County and municipalities that have current interjurisdictional agreements. However, in follow-up to our conversation regarding this matter, it is the City of Memphis' desire to work with Shelby County to initiate a sanitary sewer infrastructure operation and maintenance program which will include the transfer of all sewer assets outside the Memphis corporate limits. It is anticipated that the terms and conditions of the transfer can mutually be agreed upon by both parties. City of Memphis staff will work with your designated staff to facilitate this transition and establish a timeline for completion. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

Manny Belen, P.E., City Engineer

Robert Knecht, Public Works Director

cc: Doug McGowen, Chief Operating Officer
Paul Patterson, Administrator of Environmental Engineering
Jack Stevenson, Administrator--Land Development/Budget