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**SHELBY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE PLAN BY MAYOR
LEE HARRIS AND COMMISSIONER AMBER MILLS TO BRING BLIGHT AND
TRASH REMOVAL PROGRAM TO NORTHAVEN**

MEMPHIS, TN – On Monday evening, the Shelby County Board of Commissioners approved Mayor Lee Harris' Northaven Blight and Trash Removal Program. This is the first time ever that Shelby County Government will administer solid waste service.

For the last four years, trash and illegal dumping in Northaven made up 74% of the complaints from 38127 to the Mayor's Action Center. The responsibility has always been on the residents to contract for solid waste pickup. In a survey poll, mailed to every Northaven resident by the Mayor's Office, 78% of respondents expressed support for solid waste service by Shelby County Government. This solid waste service program addresses the longstanding issues of blight and illegal dumping in the Northaven community.

Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris: "Solid waste service has been a long time coming for Northaven. Residents have advocated for more than a decade to see a solution to the blight that has plagued their neighborhood. We are proud to initiate this service and to make Northaven a place residents can be proud of again."

Shelby County Commissioner Amber Mills: "Solid waste service in the Northaven community will be a serious turning point. Through this program, I believe we'll see a healthier and safer Northaven. I am proud to have supported this historic public works initiative and to help clean up this community."

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The solid waste service is poised to begin August 1, 2020, in the Northaven subdivision following the approval of the Memphis Light Gas and Water Division Board and the Memphis City Council.

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