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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Citizen:

The end of June signals the end of another fiscal year for the Town of Collierville, and around Town Hall that means that it's time to work through and approve the budget for Fiscal Year 1995-96.

Although the final budget document is approved each year in a period of several weeks, the project can only come together due to the ongoing efforts throughout the year by our Town's financial expert, Comptroller Jane Bevill. Jane and her dedicated staff should be commended for their continued hard work and diligence.

The Fiscal Year 1995-96 budget is a sound and efficient plan. Through careful and deliberate checks and balances, we were able to hold steady our local property tax rate, while at the same time ensuring that each Department could continue to provide the citizens a high level of service. It is certainly a testament to the dedication of our Town employees that not only were we able to maintain the same low property tax rate for the third successive year, we were also able to guarantee that the citizens of Collierville would incur no increases in sanitation fees or in water and sewer rates during the next fiscal year. As a matter of fact, in the next few months, we are anticipating a possible decrease in our water and sewer rates due to the fact that these revenues have been higher than we expected since the new rate structure was instituted in September of 1993.

I am extremely optimistic about the Town's financial outlook. What's even more exciting is that without raising property taxes, and with a probable decrease in water and sewer rates, not only can we continue to provide a high level of service to our citizens, but we'll be able to fund, in future budgets, a new Library/Town Hall complex, a state-of-the-art Emergency Warning System, major improvements to Frank Road, and a community YMCA.

What does this budget mean to the taxpayers of Collierville? It means that each and every Town employee is doing his or her job to peak efficiency, and that translates to an excellent living environment and quality of life for each and every citizen.

A copy of the Fiscal Year 1995-96 budget is available at Town Hall. I encourage each of you to pick up a copy. It may not be the most exciting thing you'll read this summer, but it certainly will be the most relevant.

Sincerely,

Herman W. Cox, Jr.
Mayor