

OCASSION

HONORABLE MAYOR JIM ROBINSON: OTHER CITY OFFICIALS COUNCILMEN, PLATFORM GUEST, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IN 1975 ON A MID WINTER SATURDAY EVENING MR. OLIVER CALLED ME AND ASKED WHAT DID I THINK ABOUT THE NEW CHANGE IN CITY GOVERNMENT. I STATED I THOUGHT IT WAS A WONDERFUL IDEA AND IT WOULD GIVE THE PEOPLE A BETTER CHANCE TO PARTICPATE IN GOVERNING OF THE CITY. HE ASKED IF I WAS GOING TO RUN FOR COUNCILWOMAN IN DISTRICT FIVE I TOLD HIM THAT I WAS THINKING ABOUT IT, HE SAID I AM THINKING ABOUT IT ALSO I TOLD HIM IMMEDIATELY THAT I WOULD YIELD TO HIM BUT HE WAS THE ONLY PERSON THAT I WOULD YIELD TO. BUT LADIES AND GENTLEMEN I DON'T RECALL AT ANY TIME TELLING COUNCILMEN DURING OUR CONVERSATION THAT I WAS A SPEAKER. SO BEAR WITH ME FOR A FEW MOMENTS I PROMISED I WILL BE VERY BREIF.

WE ARE HERE TODAY TO INFORM THE RESIDENTS OF OUR DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY KNOW THAT WE HAVE A DESIRE TO LIVE IN A CLEANER AND BETTER ENVIORIMENT. BUT WE MUST FIRST LET IT BE KNOWN THAT WE WANT TO HELP OURSELVES. WE MUST NOT SIT AND WAIT ON THE CITY TO DO THIS FOR US.

THE WAY THAT WE CAN DO THIS IS BY KEEPING OUR HOMES AND YARDS CLEAR OF ALL RUBBISH: SUCH AS BOTTLES, CANS, OLD TREE STUMPS, PAPER, WEEDS, OLD APPLIANCE, BROKEN DOWN FURNITURE, AND ALL UNOPERATIVE CARS.

THE NEW ORDINANCE STATES THAT A FEE WILL BE CHARGE FOR MOVING THE ABOVE MENTION ITEMS: HOWEVER DURING THEM ONTH OF JUNE THEY WILL BE MOVE AND HAUL AWAY ANY AND ALL RUBBISH _FREE OR FOR NO CHARGE. IT WILL BE LEFT UP TO US TO KEEP THE CITY TRUCKS ROLLING IN OUR DISTRICT THIS MONTH BY TAKING AWAY THE RUBBISH THA HELPS TO KEEP US UNHEALTHY. ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS CLEAR OUT OUR HOUSES: CLEAN OUR YARDS AND GET IT TO THE FRONT AND PUT IT INSIDE OF THE CURBBING AND LET THE CITY GO TO WORK FROM THERE.

AFTER WE HAVE CLEAN UP LET US THINK ABOUT BEAUTIFYING WHAT WE HAVE CLEAN UP. THERE COULD OR MAYBE SOME ORGANIZATION OR AGENCIES THAT MIGHT WOULD HELP US TO BEAUTIFY BY FURNISHING SHUBBERY AND FLOWERS FOR OUR YARDS. WE NEED ONLY TO MAKE THE FIRST STEP BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT ONE CAN DO UNTIL ONE TRY.

LET US LEAVE HERE TODAY WITH THE DETERMINATION OF LETTING THIS AREA BE A SHOW PLACE FIRST FOR THE RESIDENTS AND THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY. LET US HELP KEEP AMERCIA BEAUTIFUL BY KEEPING DISTRICT FIVE BEAUTIFUL.