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INSPECTORS FIND 106 VIOLATIONS DURING CODE SWEEP

Kenner, LA. – A code sweep of three blocks of both 42nd and Newport streets in north Kenner uncovered 106 violations, Kenner officials said.

Mayor Ben Zahn ordered Wednesday’s sweep of the general area where a 2-alarm fire seriously damaged a 12-unit complex in the 1700 block of 42nd Street last week. The area includes mostly multi-family structures.

The violations discovered by inspectors included:

Abandoned vehicles	13
Building permit required	2
Building premise maintenance	15
Fascia/soffit issues	12
Fence repair	9
High grass	2
Address required	4
Litter/debris	11
Stagnant water	1
Repair/demolition required	1
Unsafe electrical conditions	24
Unsafe mechanical conditions	5
Window/doors/screens	2
Vermin/rodent proofing	5

“We heard from a number of people in the neighborhood following the fire,” Zahn said. “We will continue to react to complaints from residents to make it clear to property owners that we will not tolerate anyone who is not following city codes.

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"Some of these living conditions are deplorable and unacceptable, but it will take time to rid them all from our city as we continue the fight on blight."

Shortly after the sweep was completed, inspectors were called to the 2600 block of Jasper Street regarding complaints related to code violations. Police assistance was needed to restrain a property owner who threatened a code inspector. Inspectors discovered a major mechanical business located in the residential neighborhood and issued 14 summons:

Abandoned vehicles	2
Boarding required	1
Fence repair	1
High grass	3
Litter/debris	5
Major mechanical/zoning	2

Councilman Gregory Carroll, who represents the Jasper Street area, commended the work of code inspectors and urged residents to continue to let city officials know when there are any code issues in their neighborhood.

"I would like to assure the property owners, business owners as well as landlords and tenants that we will continue to ensure the safety and quality of life for all of our District 1 residents, business owners and visitors."

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