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## CODE SWEEPS UNCOVER 160 VIOLATIONS

**Kenner, LA.** – Members of Kenner’s Code Enforcement Department uncovered 160 violations during recent code sweeps of commercial and residential areas in the city, officials said.

One sweep focused on commercial areas in the 2800 block of Piedmont Street, along with residential areas of the 2600 block of Dawson Street, 2500 block of Illinois Avenue and the 2400 to 2500 blocks of Idaho Avenue. A second sweep was in the 400 block of Alliance, following a recent fire, as well as the 900 to 1200 blocks of Compromise Street.

In the sweep on Piedmont, Dawson, Illinois and Idaho, inspectors found these violations:

Abandoned vehicles	25
Address required	6
Building permit required	1
Building maintenance required	11
Soffit/Fascia issues	4
Fence repair required	8
Garbage cans	2
High grass	8
Illegal discharge	1
Litter/debris	23
Parking on grass	3
Stagnant water	2
Repair or demolition required	2
Unsafe electrical conditions	8
Windows/doors	3
Rodent proofing needed	3

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In the code sweep on Alliance and Compromise, these violations were discovered:

Abandoned vehicles	6
Abandoned refrigerators	2
Address required	2
Building maintenance required	5
Soffit/fascia issues	1
Fence repair	4
High grass and weeds	8
Litter/debris	8
Parking on grass	2
Stagnant water	2
Repair or demolition required	2
Unsafe electrical conditions	5
Unsafe mechanical conditions	1
Rodent proofing	2

Council members Gregory Carroll and Mike Sigur, who represent the areas where the sweeps were conducted, said getting information from residents is very important.

"Residents know exactly what is happening and what problems exist in their neighborhoods," Carroll said. "We encourage people to call with any concerns that they may have."

Sigur agreed.

"One way residents can make a difference in how their neighborhoods look is to let us know about any issues," he said. "We are carefully choosing the locations where we conduct these code sweeps and relying on feedback from residents."

Property owners are identified during the course of the sweeps, later summoned to court and ordered to come into compliance with Kenner's code laws. Violators can face both fines and court costs, and even for those property owners coming into compliance, they are placed on probation, and if there is a repeat violation, they can be recharged under the original offense.

Mayor Ben Zahn congratulated the Code Enforcement Department and Director Rick Walther and said the sweeps will continue indefinitely.

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"We are not going to relax when it comes to these code sweeps," Mayor Zahn said. "Controlling blight and maintaining the appearance of our city is far too important."

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