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CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT TAKES ACTION AGAINST TWO CITY BUSINESSES

Kenner, LA. – Code enforcement actions on two commercial properties in Kenner resulted in one restaurant owner surrendering his occupational license and a hotel manager receiving three summonses for nine code violations, Kenner Mayor Ben Zahn announced.

The Code Enforcement office received a number of complaints about loud music and trash at Taqueria Sanchez, 920 Williams Blvd., officials said. Under its occupational license, the restaurant can serve alcohol, but its food sales must exceed alcohol sales.

Code inspectors requested verification of the food and alcohol sales for several dates and never received any information, according to Code Enforcement Director Rick Walther. In addition, a check with the Kenner Police Department showed that police have been called out to respond to 27 complaints, most related to loud music, since the beginning of 2017, officials said.

At the Econo Lodge Hotel, 2125 Veterans Blvd., a code sweep triggered by complaints received by the Police Department uncovered nine violations related to the condition and operation of the business, as well as unsafe conditions at the swimming pool, officials said.

"We are continuing our efforts to rid Kenner of blight and establishments like these businesses that just ignore our city's codes, which is unacceptable," Zahn said. "I applaud our code Department and Councilman Sigur for their support in this sweep."

Sigur, councilman for the district that includes the businesses, also applauded the action taken by code inspectors.

"I am very happy to have Code Enforcement taking action on areas that my office has been getting several complaints about."

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Code inspectors also discovered 81 code violations during a recent sweep of the 2100 to 2300 blocks of Idaho Avenue. The following violations were issued:

Abandoned vehicles	32
Building maintenance needed	5
Soffit/fascia issues	10
High grass	7
Litter/debris	8
Repair or demolition required	1
Unsafe electrical conditions	9
Unsafe plumbing conditions	1
Unsafe mechanical conditions	1
Window/door/screen	3
Vermin/rodents	4

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