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INSPECTORS UNCOVER 254 VIOLATIONS IN RECENT CODE SWEEPS

Kenner, LA. – Kenner Mayor Ben Zahn announced that a total of 254 violations were discovered by inspectors from the Department of Code Inspection during three recent code sweeps in the city.

The sweeps took place in the 200-400 blocks of Pollock and Hanson streets and Coleman Place, the 3500-3600 blocks of Martinique Avenue and the 100-300 blocks of Clemson and Duke drives and the 2300 block Idaho Avenue.

In the sweep on Pollock, Hanson and Coleman, the following violations were observed:

Address required	6
Abandoned vehicles	16
Building maintenance required	8
Building permit required	2
Fascia/soffit issues	6
Fence repair required	1
Grass/weeds	2
Litter/debris	16
Parking on grass	2
Stagnant water	1
Repair or demolition required	4
Unsafe electrical conditions	2

In the sweep on Martinique, inspectors reported the following violations:

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Address required	2
Building maintenance required	7
Building permit required	1
Fascia/soffit issues	1
Fence repair required	4
Litter/debris	17
Parking on grass	3
Rodent proofing required	1
Unsafe electrical conditions	3
Vehicles tagged	7

In the sweeps on Clemson, Duke and Idaho, these violations were reported by inspectors:

Address required	6
Abandoned refrigerator	1
Abandoned vehicles	17
Building maintenance required	15
Fascia/soffit issues	13
Fence repair required	17
Grass/weeds	1
Illegal discharge	2
Litter/debris	21
Parking on grass	13
Repair or demolish required	2
Rodent proofing required	6
Stagnant water	2
Unsafe electrical conditions	10
Vehicles tagged	16

Owners of the properties are notified by warning or summonses, depending on the violation, and abandoned vehicles are tagged to be towed if not removed or brought into compliance within a period of time. Property owners appear in court and are ordered to comply with the city's code laws. Violators can face both fines and court costs. Even if violators come into compliance, they are placed on probation and can be recharged under the original offense if there is a repeat violation.

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A total of 91 warning violations and 37 court summons were issued in the three code sweeps. The sweeps took place Districts 1, 2 and 3 in the city.

District 1 Councilman Gregory Carroll said he wanted to thank the residents in the district and throughout the city for their part in ridding our neighborhoods of blight and unsightly conditions.

"The Council, Administration and the Code Department will continue to address blighted properties and unsafe conditions in order to make the city of Kenner a place everyone can be proud to call home."

District 2 Councilman Mike Sigur said residents play a vital role in controlling blight by continuing to report problem areas in their neighborhoods.

"No one knows the neighborhoods in District 2 better than the people who live in the district," Sigur said. "Please continue to call to let us know about code issues."

District 3 Councilman Glenn Hayes said residents in District 3 and elsewhere in Kenner should not have to put up with blight.

"Please don't assume we have already been notified of problems you see in your neighborhood," Hayes said. "These sweeps are set up based on the reports we get from our residents."

Mayor Ben Zahn said Code Enforcement inspectors have already found more than 460 code violations in less than two months this year.

"I believe these sweeps are a great example of how a team approach to the problem of blight can really make an impact in the city," Zahn said. "I want to thank our Code Enforcement Department, the City Council, Police Chief and residents for working together AS ONE to help us clean up the city."

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