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INSPECTORS FIND 283 VIOLATIONS DURING RECENT CODE SWEEPS

Kenner, LA. – Inspectors with the Code Enforcement Inspection Division discovered 283 violations during three recent code sweeps that focused on areas within District 1 and District 3 in the city, officials said.

The three sweeps covered the 2600 and 2700 blocks of Albany, Acron and Tupelo streets, the 2600 and 2700 blocks of Helena, Dawson and Augusta streets and the 4100 block of Alabama Avenue and the 4200 block of Arizona Avenue.

The code sweep of the 2600 and 2700 blocks of Albany, Acron and Tupelo uncovered the following violations:

ABANDONED VEHICLES	22
ADDRESS REQUIRED	14
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	6
SOFFIT/FASCIA ISSUES	7
HIGH GRASS AND WEEDS	10
LITTER/DEBRIS	12
REPAIR OR DEMO	1
STAGNANT WATER/MOSQUITOES	1
CARS PARKED ON GRASS	3

The code sweep of the 2600 and 2700 blocks of Helena, Dawson and Augusta uncovered a total of 186 violations. They are:

ABANDONED VEHICLES	25
ADDRESS REQUIRED	11
ABANDONED REFRIGERATION	8

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BOARDING REQUIRED	7
BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED	4
BUILDING MAINTENANCE REQUIRED	13
SOFFIT/FASCIA ISSUES	20
FENCE REPAIR	12
HIGH GRASS AND WEEDS	25
LITTER/DEBRIS	31
PARKING ON GRASS	13
REPAIR OR DEMOLITION REQUIRED	1
STAGNANT WATER/MOSQUITOES	1
UNSAFE ELECTRIC	10
VERMIN/RODENT PROOF	3
WINDOWS/DOORS/SCREEN REPAIRS	2

The code sweep of the 4100 block of Alabama and the 4200 block of Arizona uncovered the following violations:

ABANDONED VEHICLES	7
ADDRESS REQUIRED	2
BUILDING MAINTENANCE REQUIRED	1
SOFFIT/FASCIA ISSUES	3
FENCE REPAIR	2
GARBAGE CANS	1
HIGH GRASS AND WEEDS	2
LITTER/DEBRIS	2
OVERSIZED VEHICLE	1
REPAIR OR DEMOLITION REQUIRED	1
UNSAFE ELECTRIC	4

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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District 1 Councilman Gregory Carroll said addressing blight in the district is important and beneficial to everyone. With the help of Code, residents, property owners and businesses, the work to eliminate blight – both in District 1 and throughout Kenner – will continue.

Councilman Carroll stated: "I am pleased with the residents' attentiveness, partnership and ongoing support in making Kenner a safe and blight-free city."

District 3 Councilman Glenn Hayes Sr., who took office on July 1, said he wanted to assure residents that he is not willing to tolerate any blight in the district.

"Blight doesn't just affect one area, but impacts the entire district and the entire city," Hayes said. "By aggressively fighting blight, we increase the chances of attracting new residents and businesses."

Mayor Ben Zahn agreed, and said a team approach is the best way to continue the ongoing battle against blight in Kenner.

"That team includes our residents, all of the council members, Police Chief Mike Glaser and the Code Enforcement Department," Zahn said. "AS ONE, we can truly make a difference in our city."

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