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KENNER MAYOR MICHAEL YENNI APPOINTS NEW CODE ENFORCEMENT DIRECTOR



Kenner, LA. - Aimee Vallot, an attorney with 13 years of experience, has been named Kenner's new Code Enforcement Director. She replaces Tamithia Shaw, who stepped down in September to follow her passion of helping children by working in Jefferson Parish Juvenile Court.

Vallot, 41, was one of several candidates interviewed for the position, and all applicants were required to hold law degrees in order to be considered for the position.

"Increasingly, we are seeing that there is a significant legal component to running the Code Enforcement Department," Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni said. "We are in the process of trying to upgrade rules and regulations to streamline department operations – removing as much bureaucratic red tape as possible - and having someone experienced in law will certainly benefit that critical mission."

City Attorney Keith Conley, named Interim Code Enforcement Director in September, will be available to help Vallot, a New Orleans native who graduated from Mercy Academy and Loyola University and earned her law degree from Southern University, get up to speed in her new job.

"I would like to thank the Mayor and the City Council for the honor of serving the citizens of Kenner as their new Code Enforcement Director," Vallot said. "I understand that this position comes with great responsibility and it is my goal to maintain the high standards set in motion by Ms. Shaw and Interim Director Conley. I believe that my legal background will be a great asset to assisting the residents and look forward to working on resolving all matters concerning Code Enforcement."

The Code Enforcement Department handles inspections and enforcement actions in the following areas: building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, nuisance, plan review, taxicab, motor vehicle inspection and occupational license. The director is also responsible for working with the public and managing the department's 36 employees.

"Aimee is not only hard-working and extremely smart, but she has excellent people skills as well," Yenni said. "I believe employees in the department and the public will appreciate having her as the new director."

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