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ELEVATIONS LOUNGE DEMOLISHED WEDNESDAY; NEW BANK WILL TAKE ITS PLACE

Kenner, LA. – Kenner Mayor Ben Zahn, together with the city's Department of Inspection and Code Enforcement, announced Wednesday the demolition of the Elevation Lounge property at 3525 Williams Blvd.

"This hookah lounge property was an eyesore and the source of repeated code violations in the past year," Zahn said. "I want to commend the officials at Regions Bank for quickly arranging for the demolition."

Code Enforcement officials said code inspectors had issued about 10 major violations in the past year that the business was closed. Those included substandard building systems, litter, grass no cut, trash and debris and other problems.

"We know that a vagrant was found inside the building as recently as a week ago, and rats were routinely seen throughout the building," said Assistant Inspection & Code Enforcement Director Rick Walther.

Walther said city officials learned about 10 days ago that Regions Bank had purchased the facility. Shortly after notifying bank officials of the problems, a demolition was scheduled and completed on Wednesday. Walther said Regions officials have said they intend to proceed with a bank and office complex at the location.

Zahn commended Regions officials, along with the Code Enforcement department and Councilman Reynaud. He said his administration, together with Reynaud and the rest of the City Council, will continue to target blight throughout the city.

"This is great news for the people of District 3," Councilman Keith Reynaud said. "Not just that this blight has been removed, but it also sends a message to property owners that we will not tolerate this in the city of Kenner."

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