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INSPECTORS DISCOVER 152 VIOLATIONS IN TWO CODE SWEEPS

Kenner, LA. – Inspectors from the Code Enforcement division uncovered a total of 152 violations in two recent code sweeps held in the city, officials said.

One of the sweeps involved residential areas in the 2600-2700 blocks of Tupelo Street, as well as the 2400-2500 blocks of Aberdeen Street. The second sweep focused on businesses in both the 2600-2700 blocks of Tifton Street and the 2100-2200 blocks of Florida Avenue and Williams Boulevard.

In the sweep on Tupelo and Aberdeen, inspectors found these violations:

Abandoned vehicles	17
Building permit required	1
Building maintenance required	2
Soffit/fascia issues	2
Fence repair	4
High grass/weeds	7
Litter/debris	8
Parking on grass	3
Stagnant water	1
Unsafe electrical conditions	4
Rodent proofing	1

In the sweep on Tifton Street, Florida Avenue and Williams Boulevard, these violations were discovered:

Abandoned vehicles	9
Building permit required	1
Building maintenance required	12

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Address required	7
Soffit/fascia issues	13
Fence repair	8
Garbage cans	1
High grass/weeks	8
Illegal discharge	2
Litter/debris	21
Parking on grass	5
Unsafe electrical conditions	8
Windows/doors/screens	4
Vermin/rodent proofing	3

Council members Gregory Carroll and Mike Sigur represent the areas where the two sweeps took place, and they agreed that targeting both residential and commercial areas is very important.

"The issue is addressing blight concerns of both our constituent's homes and business," Carroll said. "A safe and beautiful city is something we are all working toward."

Sigur urged residents to pass along any concerns to the Code Enforcement Department.

"No one knows what's going on in an area any better than the residents who live there or drive through that area on a regular basis," Sigur said. "Please continue to report any concerns that you have."

Property owners are identified during the sweeps, later summoned to come to court and ordered to comply with Kenner'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.

Mayor Ben Zahn praised the city's code inspectors, along with Code Enforcement Director Rick Walther.

"Our attitude is that we are going to be relentless as far as blight and code violations are concerned, and making sure property owners take care of their responsibilities," Mayor Zahn said. "We simply will not tolerate anything less."

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