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CODE SWEEPS REVEAL 143 VIOLATIONS

Kenner, LA. – Kenner Code Enforcement inspectors uncovered a total of 143 violations in a pair of recent code sweeps conducted in the city.

One sweep involved sections of 42nd Street, Newport Street and Florida Avenue and the second sweep was on Indiana, Iowa, Kansas and Kentucky avenues.

In the sweep on 42nd Street, Newport Street and Florida Avenue, the following violations were reported:

Address required	1
Abandoned refrigerator	1
Abandoned vehicles	11
BEES	2
Building maintenance required	18
Building permits required	1
Fascia/soffit issues	9
Fence repair	5
Garbage cans	7
Litter/debris	6
Oversized vehicle	1
Repair or demolition required	2
Vehicle litter	9
Rodents	3

In the sweep on Indiana, Iowa, and Kansas and Kentucky streets, inspectors reported the following violations:

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Address required	1
Abandoned vehicles	7
Building maintenance required	3
Building permit required	3
Fascia/soffit issues	1
Fence repair needed	10
High grass and weeds	16
Litter/debris	17
Oversized vehicle	1
Stagnant water/mosquitoes	3
Repair or demolition required	3
Vehicle litter	1
Rodents	1

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.

A total of 81 warning violations and 7 court summons were issued.

District 2 Councilman Michael Sigur, who represents areas where some of the recent code sweeps took place, said it’s important for property owners and residents to know the sweeps are continuing.

“I think we all agree that the only way to really attack blight is to be very, very aggressive with our enforcement,” Sigur said.

District 3 Councilman Glenn Hayes said residents in his district and throughout the city should continue to report any problems in their neighborhoods.

“Residents are the ones that truly know what’s happening in their neighborhoods,” he said. “We will take their information and continue with these code sweeps.”

Mayor Ben Zahn said residents can rest assured that there will be no break in the code sweeps during the holidays.

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"First, I want to thank our Code Enforcement Director James Mohamad and our inspectors for their hard work," Zahn said. "We will not rest until all blight in the city of Kenner is removed."

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