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CODE ENFORCEMENT SWEEP NETS 232 VIOLATIONS IN SUSAN PARK

Kenner, LA. – A code enforcement sweep aimed largely at absentee landlords in a two-block section of the Susan Park subdivision netted 232 violations on Wednesday, officials said.

Residents living in rental houses in the 2600 and 2700 blocks of Dawson and Augusta streets have complained about the condition of their buildings, and said they are unable to get help in some cases because their landlords either live out of town or are local and are unavailable, Kenner Code Enforcement Director Aimee Vallot said.

In fact, Vallot and Assistant Code Enforcement Director Rick Walther said residents were happy to see the inspectors on Wednesday morning, and in many cases, helped point out deficiencies.

“The goal is to improve the quality of life back there,” Walther said.

Vallot said that as landlords or their representatives come to court, they are being told in no uncertain terms that more code sweeps and active enforcement is on the way.

“We are warning them that we are going to actively search out landlords not handling their responsibilities,” Vallot said. “When a landlord allows a building to deteriorate, that is not the responsibility of the tenant,” she said.

Violations issued during Wednesday’s code sweep included:

- Abandoned vehicles – 21
- Abandoned refrigerators – 2
- Building permit required – 2
- Fascia/Soffit issues – 34
- Fence repair – 14
- High grass – 14
- Illegal sewage discharge – 2
- Litter – 36

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- Repair or demolition necessary – 3
- Unsafe electrical conditions – 39
- Unsafe plumbing – 26
- Unsafe mechanical – 12
- Rodent proofing – 16
- Windows in disrepair – 4
- Address required – 7

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