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INSPECTORS DISCOVER 201 VIOLATIONS IN THREE CODE SWEEPS

Kenner, LA. – Inspectors with the Code Enforcement Inspection Division discovered a total of 201 violations during three recent code sweeps held in Kenner.

One sweep took place on Indiana, Iowa and Kansas avenues, the second was on Miami Place, Kilgore Place and Marietta Street and the third was in the 900 to 1700 blocks of Compromise Street.

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

Blocking sidewalk	2
Address required	2
Abandoned vehicles	11
Building maintenance required	2
Fascia/soffit issues	2
Fence repair required	11
Grass/weeds	26
Illegal discharge	1
Litter/debris	21
Stagnant water	1
Repair or demolition required	7
Vehicle litter	1
Rodents	3

In the code sweep on Miami Place, Kilgore Place and the 2300 block of Marietta Street, these violations were reported:

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Address required	16
Abandoned vehicles	24
Building maintenance required	6
Fascia/soffit issues	4
Fence repair required	3
Garbage cans	1
Gutter repair required	2
Grass/weeds	6
Illegal discharge	2
Litter/debris	8
Cars parked on grass	8
Unsafe plumbing conditions	4
Windows/doors/screens	4
Stagnant water	2

In the sweep on Compromise Street, the following violations were reported:

Address required	2
Abandoned refrigerators	1
Abandoned vehicles	2
Building maintenance required	2
Building permit required	1
Fence repair required	1
Grass/weeds	2
Litter/debris	3
Cars parked on grass	5
Unsafe plumbing conditions	1
Vehicle blocking sidewalk	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.

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In the three sweeps, a total of 60 warning violations and 5 court summons were issued.

The council members representing the areas where the sweeps took place asked for the public to continue to report code violations in their neighborhoods.

"No one has better information about the issues in a neighborhood than the residents themselves," District 2 Councilman Mike Sigur said. "We rely on residents to report the information, either to their council member or to the Code office, so that we can target problem areas."

District 5 Councilman Brian Brennan said the city does not have enough inspectors to be aware of every neighborhood problem throughout the city.

"So we are relying on our residents to never assume that a particular problem in their neighborhood is being handled," he said. "Call us to report all of your concerns."

District 1 Councilman Gregory Carroll said the battle against blight is something he, Mayor Ben Zahn and all city officials take very seriously.

"This is a quality of life issue, and we are working every day to make things better for our residents and business owners," he said.

Mayor Zahn said the code sweeps remain a top priority, and he thanked Code Director James Mohamad and the department's inspectors for the hard work they do.

"They are a vital part of the team – which includes the Police Department, the City Council and residents in all areas of the city – that are working together AS ONE to eliminate blight."

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