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PAVILION SHOPPING CENTER OWNER PROMISES TO MAKE REPAIRS AFTER MEETING WITH CITY OFFICIALS

Kenner, LA. – On April 26, inspectors from Kenner’s Code Enforcement Department conducted a sweep of the 19 vacant units at the Pavilion Shopping Center, 1000 W. Esplanade Ave., located across the street from The Esplanade mall.

A total of 88 code violations, ranging from unsafe electrical conditions, trash, evidence of rodents and repair/demolition issues were discovered and the owner of the property was issued a legal summons requiring that Pavilion officials appear in court. The Pavilion is currently owned by J L Holdings, LLC and the summons requires that the property either be repaired or demolished.

Corporate representatives of Auburndale Properties, which represents J L Holdings, met with City officials on Monday to discuss the owner’s plans to remedy the blight associated with its unkempt shopping center property in North Kenner.

“While I appreciate the assurances of the owners that specific repairs will be made within the next 60 days, I am also fully prepared to seek a demolition order on the derelict portions if those repairs are not complete within that time frame,” Kenner Mayor Ben Zahn said. The owner’s representative, who flew in from New Jersey for this meeting, agreed to paint the exterior of the buildings, replace and repair damaged walls, ceilings and floors panels, remove all visible graffiti, secure all windows and doors to prevent further access and resolve all electrical issues, Zahn said.

“It is an ambitious plan” said Code Director Rick Walther, “and I do not doubt the owner’s sincerity. We want these properties back in commerce. But a 60-day reprieve (from Monday’s meeting) is all I can recommend to the Mayor at this time.” The hearing on the 88 code violations has been continued until July 21. “That’s it” said Zahn. “Our citizens have been very patient. If J L Holdings LLC really wants to be a good corporate citizen, they must literally put their money where their mouth is – into improving their property.”

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A crackdown on both residential and commercial blight has been one of Zahn's highest priorities since taking office in January, as evidenced by the demolition in February of the long-vacant Elevations Lounge in the 3500 block of Williams Blvd., along with regular code sweeps throughout the city. Zahn said the entire City Council is equally committed to attacking blight and spurring economic development in the city, and Councilman Lenny Cline in particular strongly supported the actions the city has taken in regard to the Pavilion Shopping Center, which is located in his district.

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