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CODE INSPECTORS DISCOVER 126 VIOLATIONS DURING TWO SWEEPS

Kenner, LA. – Inspectors with the Code Enforcement Inspection Division uncovered 126 violations during two recent code sweeps in the city.

One sweep took place in the 1900 and 2000 blocks of Illinois Avenue and the second sweep was on 27th and Georgetown streets.

In the sweep on Illinois, inspectors reported the following violations:

Addressed required	7
Abandoned refrigerators	2
Abandoned vehicles	7
Building maintenance required	2
Building permit required	1
Fascia and soffit issues	2
Fence repair required	3
High grass and weeds	3
Illegal discharge	1
Litter/debris	7
Repair/demolition required	3
Unsafe mechanical conditions	1
Vermin/rodents	2

In the sweep of 27th Street and Georgetown Drive, inspectors reported the following violations:

Address required	11
Abandoned vehicles	16

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Building maintenance required	7
Fascia/soffit issues	7
Fence repair required	7
High grass and weeds	13
Illegal discharge	4
Litter/debris	11
Cars parked on grass	6
Repair/demolition required	1
Windows/doors/screens	2

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.

In the two sweeps, a total of 46 warning violations and 10 court summons were issued.

The council members who represents the districts where the code sweeps took place, both agreed the city must continue its aggressive fight against blight.

"Because of the Quality of Life concerns and for their customers and families, all of our property owners, businesses, and tenants are supportive of the efforts of the Kenner Code Department," District 1 Councilman Gregory Carroll said. "It is important that our residents and business owners know we are united with them in the fight against blight."

District 5 Councilman Brian Brennan urged residents in his district – and throughout the city – to continue to let city officials know about property owners in their neighborhoods who are not keeping up with their obligations. "It's not possible for our code inspectors to be aware of code violations everywhere in the city," Brennan said. "But with the help of residents, that is possible, and with that information we can and will take action."

Mayor Ben Zahn emphasized the importance of a team effort against blight – including the Code Enforcement department under the director of James Mohamad, the Police Department, members of the City Council and residents throughout the city.

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"When we work together AS ONE, we are capable of doing incredible things," Zahn said. "And when a problem exists in areas throughout the city that is where a team approach is absolutely vital."

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