

## Business cited for violations

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City officials last weekend marked the second anniversary of the city's Quality of Life Task Force with a surprise code enforcement inspection along Scotland Road.

Task force members included Mayor Eldridge Hawkins Jr. as police, fire, health and public works officials Sunday night inspected the Toast of the Town liquor store along Scotland Road. City officials said sanitation, electrical, fire safety and health violations were uncovered on the premises. In addition, five summonses were issued for consumption in open alcohol containers and one arrest was made.

Members of the task force also noted a recent highlight: the demolition of two buildings they, and later, the City Council, had declared abandoned. The demolished buildings were at 276 Reock St. and 568 McChesney St.

The residence at Reock was demolished on Aug. 3. City officials claimed the property had been blighted for many years, was a location for illegal dumping and that squatters were frequently removed from the property.

One week later, the residence at McChesney was demolished. City officials said the four-family property has been vacant and blighted for several years.

The two actions have increased the total number of properties demolished to 14 during the Hawkins administration.