

1 WHEREAS, although employees of the city's code enforcement department are
2 authorized to issue citations for certain violations of the city's code of ordinances, they are
3 not authorized to issue municipal summonses, as that responsibility rests mainly with
4 officers of the New Orleans Police Department; and

5 WHEREAS, many officers of the New Orleans Police Department do not have time
6 to issue municipal summonses for violations of the city's code of ordinances as they are
7 tasked daily with responding to an overwhelming number of emergency calls; and

8 WHEREAS, because many violators of the city's code of ordinances do not receive
9 municipal summonses to appear in court, many fail to pay the fines issued for violations of
10 these ordinances as they are keenly aware that the city's code enforcement department and
11 its employees lack the ability to enforce the collection of these fines.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the New Orleans City Council to
14 expand the authority of the city's code enforcement department and its employees so as to
15 provide for a more consistent enforcement of the city's sanitation and zoning ordinances and
16 enhance the city's ability to collect payment for fines imposed for violations of these
17 ordinances.

DIGEST

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