



# St. Tammany Parish Government

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May 17, 2013

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*Certified Mail*

*Receipt 7012 3460 0000 9963 0471*

Re: Official Notice of Deficient Condition - Square 75, lots 3-15

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

On May 17, 2013 an inspection of the following properties (see attached map) was conducted:

- Square 75, lots 3-15

The inspection revealed numerous travel trailers located throughout the property. None of the travel trailers were connected to an approved/permitted sewer system. Below is a list of the deficient conditions observed, applicable ordinances violated, and corrective actions to be taken.

**Deficient condition 1:**

Multiple trailers being occupied without being connected to a permitted sewer system.

**Deficient condition 2:**

Discharging untreated sewerage from travel trailers into roadside ditches.

**Ordinance/Statute violated:**

SEC. 23-402.00 Connection to Sewerage (Sewage) System and Potable Water System Required

A. Connection to Sewerage (Sewage) System Required:

1. Any private person or political entity who/which owns, leases, or otherwise maintains or possesses control of any property which is situated in the unincorporated portion of St. Tammany Parish, and on which there is located a residence, camp, trailer coach, or any other building, structure, or establishment wherein people customarily or occasionally live, work, or congregate, shall connect any such premises to a sewerage system as may be required for the premises by applicable law.

L.R.S. 30:2076 (A) (1) (a) & (b)

No person shall discharge or allow to be discharged into any waters of the state: Any waste or any other substance of any kind that will tend to cause water pollution in violation of any rule, order, or regulation or any substance, the discharge of which violates any term, condition, or limit imposed by a permit.

**Corrective Action to be taken:**

Within 60 days of receipt of this letter a boundary survey of the above referenced property shall be performed and submitted to the Department of Development along with a detailed “proposed use” master plan of the property which shall include the location of all structures, buildings, residences, trailers, campers, and mobile homes stored on the property both temporary and permanent in nature. The “proposed use” plan must be reviewed and approved by all Parish departments and comply with all applicable Parish ordinances and regulations. This department recommends you refer to said ordinances and regulations when developing your plan.

Within 60 days of the Parish’s approval of the “proposed use” master plan, plans and specifications prepared by a registered professional engineer for the construction of a sewage treatment system shall be submitted to the Department of Environmental Services. The sewer system shall be capable of treating the wastewater generated from all residences, camps, trailers, coaches, or any other buildings, structures, or establishments wherein people customarily or occasionally live, work, or congregate on said property and conform to all applicable state and parish laws regarding the state sanitary code.

Within 120 days of the Department of Environmental Services’ approval of the plans and specifications for the sewer treatment system, construction of the sewer system shall commence.

Within 120 days of the commencement of construction of the sewer system, all construction shall be completed.

**Authority to impose penalty and enforce collection:**

If no or insufficient action is taken within 60 days of receipt of this letter to correct said deficiencies, the Department of Environmental Services, upon expiration of the time prescribed, shall be authorized to impose a penalty not to exceed one hundred dollars per day for each day the deficiencies existed from date of said notice, however, the cumulative total of such penalty shall not exceed ten thousand dollars. In addition thereto, the Department of Environmental Services may terminate or require the termination of any utility service to the subject premises.

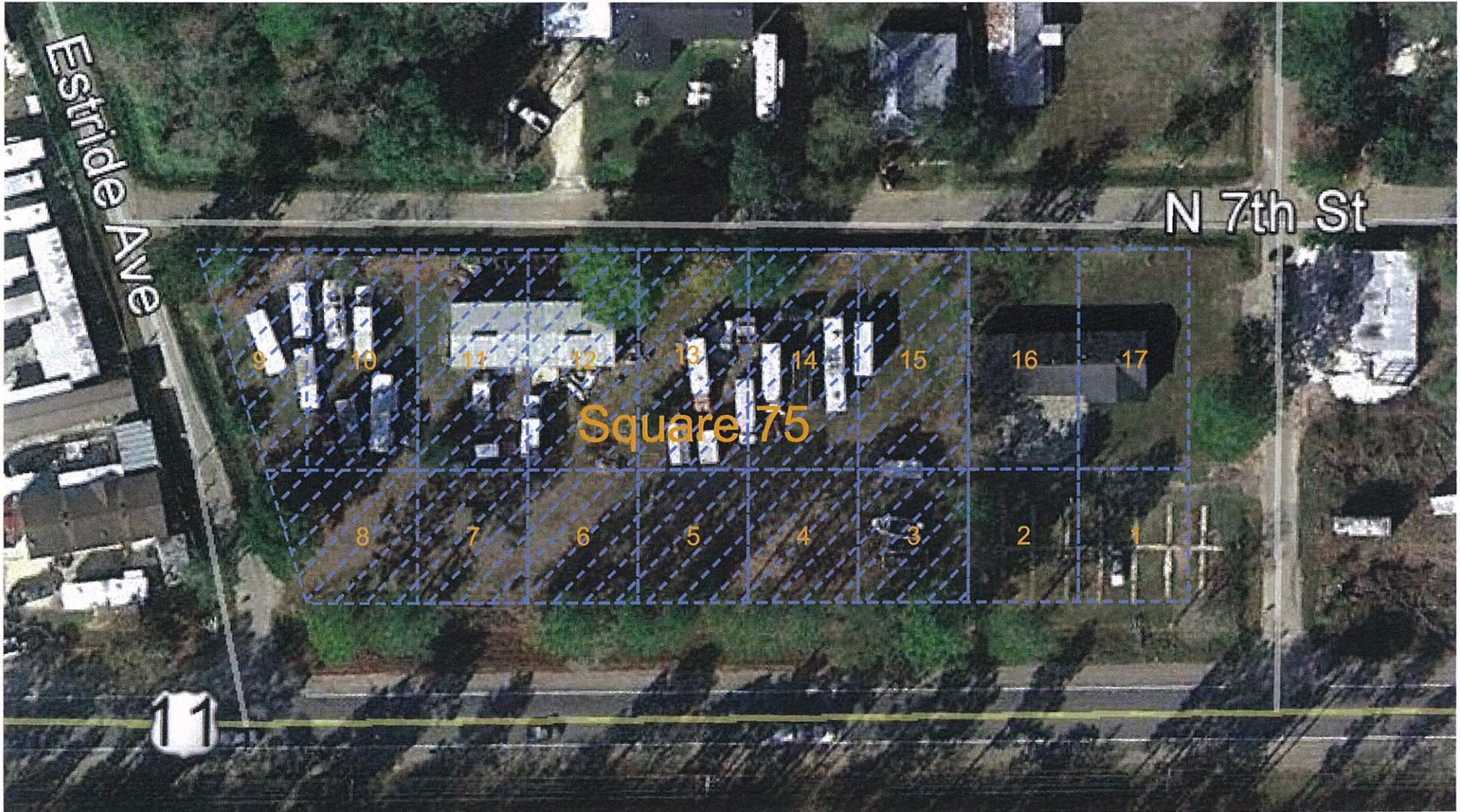
Please contact me at (985) 898-2535 if you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,



Greg Gorden  
Director of Environmental Services  
St. Tammany Parish

*Enclosure: Property Map*



Denotes Property Owned by Ralph A. Mitchell