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**MINER ANNOUNCES SIX CORNER STORES  
RECEIVE SHUT DOWN NOTICES AFTER  
POLICE, FIRE AND CODE ENFORCEMENT  
INSPECTIONS**

*Unannounced Inspections Today at 10 Corner Stores In Citywide  
Crackdown*

*Miner Thanks Neighborhood Groups Who Brought These Complaints*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner announced a team of city police, fire and code enforcement officials are conducting unannounced inspections today of 10 corner stores which have been the subject of repeated neighborhood complaints.

“Today we brought together every city resource involved with the regulation of corner stores to determine if they were in compliance with health and safety requirements as well as a verified certificate of use permit, which is required for these stores to operate,” said **Mayor Stephanie A. Miner**. “I want to thank the various neighborhood groups who brought these problem properties to our attention with a detailed list of complaints and the city workers who have worked so hard to address quality of life issues in our communities.”

By 2:30 P.M., one store has been closed due to severe violations requiring gas shut-off. Another five corner stores were served with 24-hour shutdown notices. These stores have 24 hours to correct the violations or close. Should these stores remain open without correcting the violations, the City of Syracuse will take them to housing court.

The store served with the emergency shutdown notice:



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- **Delaware Market, 901-17 South Geddes Street and Delaware Street**, where gas and sewage were both found leaking the basement. National Grid was called to shut off power and gas. Additionally, the facility was found without working smoke detectors.

24-hour shutdown notices, which target health and safety concerns and declare properties unfit for occupancy, were posted at the following locations:

- **S & R Market, 303 South Avenue**, where a sprinkler system certification was found expired and illegal wiring extending to the adjacent property were discovered.
- **Food King, 500-04 Oakwood Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive**, where problems were found in the fire prevention and electrical systems.
- **Lexington Market, 105 Lexington Avenue** where sewage backup, illegal plumbing, electrical hazards, and an out of service fire alarm system were found by Code Enforcement.
- **South Mini Mart, 2621-23 Midland Avenue and Ostrander Avenue**, a property which included an illegal apartment, sewage backups, and improper electrical wiring
- **Midland Discount Market, 1434 Midland Avenue and Colvin Street**, which lacked a functioning fire alarm system and had faulty wiring.

The inspection team is concentrating on 10 stores identified for the high number of complaints from neighborhood groups and in areas with a high incidence of calls to police.

**Mayor Miner** added, “It is critically important we preserve a vibrant quality of life in our neighborhoods and strive for better each and every day. Through utilizing all city resources in a coordinated fashion and working with our neighborhood partners, we are able to address the important concerns about safety that matter to our community.”

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