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**MINER ANNOUNCES NINE CORNER STORES
TARGETED BY CODE ENFORCEMENT IN LATEST
ROUND OF INSPECTIONS**

Unannounced Inspections at Nine Corner Stores in Citywide Crackdown

Miner: Ensuring corner stores are compliant with health, safety, and administrative regulations is critical to preserving a high quality of life in our neighborhoods

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner announced today the results of inspections at a series of corner stores throughout the City of Syracuse. The inspections, completed in the last week, were performed by officials from the Division of Code Enforcement, the Syracuse Police Department, and the Syracuse Fire Department, and the Onondaga County Plumbing Control.

“We have conducted a series of successful inspections of corner stores in City neighborhoods to ensure their compliance with critical health and safety requirements as well ensuring their relevant certifications were up to date,” said **Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner**. “While there is still much work to be done, we are seeing fewer major violations than in past enforcement efforts. This is a sign that our past and continued efforts are successful and business owners know they cannot just remain a source of blight in our neighborhoods.”

- **South Mini Mart, 2621 Midland Avenue**, was closed immediately due to their failure to obtain a Certificate of Use. They have applied and been inspected for a Certificate but it has been denied. They have not addressed major violations found in the Certificate of Use inspection process. They are not in compliance with their Special Permit. Exit doors were found padlocked. The Division of Code Enforcement had sent them letters for initial violations and also for failure to obtain a Certificate of Use. The owners have not set up an administrative hearing to address their Certificate of Use compliance. The store was declared legally unfit.



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- **Sedra Market, 901 South Geddes Street**, had multiple major violations including inoperable smoke detectors, missing exit signs, pooled sewage in the basement, open venting of carbon monoxide in basement, dumpster screening, trash/debris in basement and storage area, and open electrical. During the inspection, the business owner could not produce a liquor license or a Certificate of Use, despite the fact one had been issued for the store. The store was declared unfit and closed.
- **J&B Market, 409 Bellevue Avenue**, had minor fire, electrical, and codes issues. The store also needs plumbing equipment added and they have been 30 days to correct that issue.
- **South Avenue Mini Mart, 1500 South Avenue**, had minor fire, electrical, codes, and plumbing issues. Points will be added to their current Certificate of Use due to their failed inspection.
- **Bodega 315, 315 Cortland Avenue**, had minor fire, electrical, codes, and plumbing issues and must apply for a Certificate of Use.
- **NA Market, 941 Midland Avenue**, no violations were found but they must apply for a Certificate of Use within seven days.
- **Sabatino's, 1000 South Geddes Street**, had minor violations including hood cleaning and dumpster screening. They are required to apply for a Certificate of Use and were cited on June 8 for not having one.
- **Auntie's, 600 South Geddes Street**, had minor violations including hood cleaning, damaged receptacles, and issues with extension cords. They are required to apply for a Certificate of Use.
- **Stop One Food Market, 315 South Geddes Street**, had minor violations, the hood needed cleaning, the electrical room needed to be cleared out, and it had issues with dumpster screening.

Mayor Miner added, “Ensuring corner stores are compliant with health, safety, and administrative regulations is critical to preserving a high quality of life in our neighborhoods.”

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The Miner administration conducted a series of surprise inspections of corner stores in 2013 with police, fire, and code enforcement officers. Those inspections, which took place from August through November, resulted in multiple emergency shut downs of corner stores. That sweep was initiated following concerns expressed by neighborhood residents.

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