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### **GARY TASK FORCE RAMPS UP EFFORTS TO EDUCATE AND INSURE COMPLIANCE**

**Gary, Indiana**-The city of Gary's task force is out in "full-force" creating awareness and reminding Gary businesses to be in compliance with city ordinances.

As the city kicks off its comprehensive integrated city-wide clean-up program this month, the task force is ramping up its efforts to educate and insure compliance in the city. The task force has been actively visiting gas stations, rental properties and other businesses that have attracted concern from residents. The team has also included reported dump sites on the schedule of places to visit.

"The task force is out to educate businesses and to encourage them to be in compliance, stated Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson." "We want to feel confident that those doing business in our city are aware of city ordinances and that they understand that following these ordinances help to improve the quality of life in our community."

While the task force works to thoroughly inspect businesses and properties, the team also answers questions and addresses concerns of business owners. If violations are found, businesses are given 30 days to be in compliance.

Members of the task force include the Building Department, Code Enforcement, the Gary Health Department, Environmental Affairs, Police, Fire, Constituent Services and the Gary Sanitary District.

The city continues to urge residents to report code violations, dump sites and other requests for city services to "311"- 881-1311.