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Superintendent Addresses French Quarter Musicians Complaints

*The New Orleans Police Department's 8<sup>th</sup> District has for many years, and as recently as within the last several weeks, received numerous complaints from residents of the French Quarter noting that musical street performers are violating existing ordinances. These complaints have also resulted in repeated request for enforcement from the NOPD. Residents of the French Quarter have also complained about the size of the walking tours and the apparent disregard for Ordinances that define the conditions of legal walking tours in the City of New Orleans.*

*As you may know, the Quality of Life Officer of the 8<sup>th</sup> District has been distributing NOTICE of what the ordinances are as it relates to: Sec. 30-1456. Use of Bourbon Street restricted. Sec. 66-205. Persons playing musical instruments on public right-of-ways. Sec. 30-1489. Walking tour guides rules and regulations. Sec. 30-1490. Identification (tour guides). Also, please understand that while there has been some attention to the band at the corner of Bourbon and Canal, the entire French Quarter is touched by this issue. Moreover, our officer issued NOTICES, in nine (9) different locations in the French Quarter, including the corner of Bourbon and Canal*

*Please know that there has been no enforcement action taken as a result of these particular notices, and that the NOPD wants to ensure that all persons are fully aware of the applicable existing ordinances. Officers of the NOPD will continue to use discretion, appropriate to the circumstances present, to enforce any Ordinances of the City of New Orleans.*

*The NOPD has been approached repeatedly by residents who seek enforcement of these statutes; likewise the NOPD recognizes the concerns from your email and the uniqueness of the historic French Quarter. In this regard, early and frequent notification of what the ordinances are may help to alleviate the concerns of the residents of this part of our community, as well as better inform those who participate in activities that are prohibited or regulated by long-standing city Ordinance(s).*

*We will continue to encourage all persons to respect the ordinances of the City of New Orleans and the concerns of those who live and work in the historic French Quarter.*

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