

City of Springfield Hotel Properties Timeline

2021–2022: Taking Action

The City utilized federal ARPA funding, including revenue replacement funds, to address homelessness and stabilize key properties. Two underutilized hotel properties were acquired: 325 W. Columbia and 1715 W. North. These sites provided an opportunity to address immediate needs while planning for long-term community and economic development.

2023: Implementing Solutions

325 W. Columbia was opened as a non-congregate shelter with supportive services in partnership with Homefull. For 1715 W. North, the City issued a public request for proposals to redevelop the site into permanent supportive housing; however, no proposals were received. Later in the year, the property experienced significant damage and safety concerns, leading to its demolition to protect the surrounding community.

2024: Community Decisions & Next Steps

The City sought to continue shelter operations at 325 W. Columbia, which required City Commission approval. The proposal was not approved. The City then evaluated long-term uses for both sites.

Where Things Stand Today

325 W. Columbia: Former shelter operations have ended. The site has been cleared and is under contract for redevelopment, supporting new economic opportunities.

1715 W. North: The site now houses a new Fire/EMS station and Box 27 volunteer support services. Remaining land is available for future development.

Moving Forward

The City remains committed to balancing immediate community needs with long-term investments that support public safety, stability, and economic growth.