

For immediate release:

Davenport Advisors, the developer of Overland Lofts, will welcome Mayor Dominic Sarno on Wednesday, September 9th to preview a model one-bedroom apartment. Davenport remains on schedule to complete the project located in Springfield's "Innovation District" and welcome its first residents before the end of the year. The historic building is being redeveloped for apartments, retail, and restaurants. The project's urban design targets young professionals seeking a work-live-play experience supported by full amenities. The building program includes 60 apartments ranging from studios to two-bedrooms. Having confidence in the success of the Overland Lofts, Davenport acquired nearby properties for future development of up to 200 additional units.

Davenport has redesigned many features of the building to make it safer in the Covid Era. All units will now feature individual air conditioning units located on the roof of the building with remote controls in the bedrooms and living rooms. The fitness center was redesigned to account for social distancing and all exercise equipment will be at least 6 feet apart. The great room, where our test kitchen is located, will feature hand sanitizing stations and occupancy will be limited to guidelines established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which will be continuously updated and posted for residents.

The Overland building was constructed in 1917 by the Willys Overland automobile company. The four-story structure was originally a car showroom and parking garage. The vision of the redevelopment honors its heritage and embraces modern demands. Amenities will include hub lockers for contact-less package delivery, bike storage, secure parking (interior and exterior), a fitness room, and a 4,000 square foot outdoor pet friendly park. All apartments include stainless steel appliances, quartz kitchen counters and washers and dryers right in the unit. "Our initial leasing feedback has been great. Prospective residents are excited by the 12' to 14' ceilings, brand new appliances and the abundant of natural light in these homes." said Juan Prieto, Principal of Davenport Advisors.

Downtown Springfield has not seen new "market rate" construction in over a decade. Overland Lofts is the first step toward realizing the vision of the Innovation District neighborhood. The area is proximate to the City's updated Union Station, as well as a diverse selection of new and established restaurants on nearby Worthington Street. Mayor Sarno states, "It is critically important that while we continue to deal with the immediate economic impacts of the COVID-19 Coronavirus that we continue to keep an eye on and dictate the long-term future development of Springfield. I want to thank our dedicated city team for their unyielding efforts on this project, especially CDO Tim Sheehan and Davenport Advisors, the developer of the Overland Lofts, for their continued belief and investment in our Springfield. This project remains on schedule and will bring new life to this historic building and compliments our city's vision of the Innovation District neighborhood."

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