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## **City of Rockford and Hanley Lofts, LLC, Issue Update on Hanley Building Fire**

**ROCKFORD, Ill.** – Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara and Hanley Lofts, LLC, Owner Justin Fern issued a joint statement this evening about the Hanley Building:

“The City of Rockford and Hanley Lofts, LLC, have been working closely over the last 48 hours to determine the next steps for the Hanley Building. We also appreciate the work of the men and women of the Rockford Fire Department, who have continued to put out hot spots from the initial fire and maintained the public’s safety around the site since Sunday’s fire began.

We have determined that a plan to repair and redevelop the existing structure is not financially feasible. Following these discussions, a decision was made to demolish the remainder of the building.

While we are saddened to see this building come down, we are excited by the possibility that the space could be developed and continue the momentum we have been seeing downtown in the last several years. We will continue to work as partners in these redevelopment efforts.”

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