SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Mayor Misty Buscher

Accomplishments at a Glance

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01 Property accountability

Mayor Buscher introduced the 2025 ordinance establishing registration for properties with repeated housing code violations. The City Council adopted the measure in August. It can apply to rental, owner-occupied and commercial properties. [1]

02 Housing and homeless outreach

The Mayor's Office reported expanding the Homeless Outreach Team and partnering with Heartland Continuum of Care to relocate people from the Ninth Street encampment. It also reported work underway on the My First Home property at 1933 East Cedar. [2]

03 Emergency response and business support

Springfield launched BOLT/BEACON with its fire and police departments to improve response to mental health and overdose emergencies. The Mayor's Office announced the Springfield Minority Business Institute. [2]

04 Infrastructure funding

Senator Dick Durbin secured $900,000 in federal funding for Springfield's South Seventh Street water-main replacement. Mayor Buscher joined the announcement at City Hall. [3]

SOURCES

[1] Illinois Times, City Council adopts cited property registry
[2] City of Springfield Mayor's Office FY2027 budget presentation
[3] Senator Durbin, Springfield infrastructure funding announcement