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## **“Budget Inn Hotel to be Torn Down Soon”**

The vacant and damaged Budget Inn Hotel at 721 East Norfolk Avenue will be demolished soon. Owner Mota AmBaji, Inc. withdrew their appeal to the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals concerning the demolition of the north building that the City of Norfolk had ordered. That appeal had been scheduled for August 27, 2014.

Norfolk City Attorney Clint Schukei had asked that the company agree to tear down the south building of the Budget Inn as soon as possible. The company has agreed to do so with the actual date of demolition being dependent on completion of asbestos abatement. Mota AmBaji, Inc. informed the City that an asbestos abatement company is scheduled to start asbestos removal after October 1. That process is expected to take at least ten days. According to the City Prevention Bureau, Ganskow Construction Inc. currently has a demolition permit for the project.

Mota AmBaji, Inc. had notified the City that mediation with their insurance company concerning the fire damaged north section of the building is scheduled for September 26, 2014. The owner wants to preserve the fire damaged structure as evidence as they continue to seek a settlement with their insurer. The City subsequently gave the owner until November 1, 2014 to complete demolition of the north building. If it is not completed by that date the City can proceed to demolish the building.