

## Shalimar Inn undergoing asbestos removal

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### Back, side areas to be demolished

Once private work crews finish some asbestos clearing, the demolishing of the side and back parts of the Shalimar Inn & Lounge will begin, a city official said.

City Planner C.B. Strain said March 15 that the construction activity happening at the Shalimar right now, 1821 W. Historic Highway 66, is to rid the place of possible asbestos.

“This is to remove asbestos,” Strain said. “After that the demolishing will start.”

Strain noted that the city hasn’t condemned the structure, saying it was a decision on the part of the owners to initiate the project.

He said he wasn’t exactly sure as to the time frame it would take work crews to get rid of any asbestos.

But, Strain said, when the asbestos part is done, the side and back sections of the hotel (on the east and south areas) will be taken down.

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One of Gallup biggest hotels in its heyday, the two-story Shalimar, believed to have been built in the 1960s, has operated as a dance club for years, but the hotel portion has been closed for almost a decade. The lounge part of the structure won't be touched, Strain said.

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