

Construction

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Green Tortoise comes down fast

A Nuprecon demolition crew took just a few hours yesterday to raze the Green Tortoise Hostel building along Second Avenue, between Pike and Pine streets.

In its place, developer Opus Northwest is building a 38-story luxury condo tower called Fifteen Twenty-One Second Avenue.

Fifteen Twenty-One will be the first high-rise built under the new downtown zoning code that allows tall and slender towers. At 440 feet, it reportedly will be the city's tallest residential tower.

The glass-and-steel tower will have 143 condos and 3,000 square feet of ground-floor retail. Condos will range from about 1,700 square feet to more than 5,000 square feet. Prices start at about \$1 million.

Opus Northwest Construction, the general contractor, is expected to have the project built by the fall of 2008.

Opus Architects & Engineers is architect of record and Weber + Thompson is the design architect. Susan Marinello Interiors is the interior designer.

William Justen's Samis Land Co. is the development consultant for Opus.

