

## 'Mikhalkov's Hotel' on Hold

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Construction work in downtown Maly Kozikhinsky Pereulok, where a developer linked to famed film director Nikita Mikhalkov was building a seven-story hotel, was suspended Wednesday, and equipment was being removed from the site, Interfax reported.

Local residents have stormed the site several times since Friday to stop the ongoing construction, which they say endangers their nearby 19th-century houses.

Residents have accused the developer, Studia Trite, of faking the paperwork needed to obtain the construction license for the project. A representative for the protesters told Interfax hours before construction was halted Tuesday that city officials had promised to revoke permits for the project. ☒

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