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## **New apartment building planned for east side**

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A former nursing home on Milwaukee's east side will be demolished and replaced with a four-story apartment building, a local development firm said Friday.

The building that housed Park Manor Healthcare Center, 1824 E. Park Place, was sold for \$1 million to an investors group affiliated with Wangard Properties, according to assessment records. The 104-unit nursing home closed in 2006.

Wangard, based in Waukesha, will soon begin demolishing the three-story building. Wangard plans to build a 61-unit apartment building, which is scheduled for completion by June 2009.

### **No zoning change needed**

The apartments don't need Common Council zoning permission because the site is already zoned for a four-story residential building, said Wangard spokesman Evan Zeppos.

"Our plan calls for architecture, materials and design to be compatible with the neighborhood," said Wayne Wiertzema, Wangard executive vice president, in a statement.

The building will have two- and three-bedroom apartments, said Zeppos. He said rents have not yet been determined. The building also will have underground parking for its residents.

"This will be a new building that will add to the tax base and help enhance what is already a strong neighborhood," Wiertzema's statement said.

The property's sale was brokered by Marilyn Haroldson of Equity Commercial Real Estate.