

Timeline Mariahilfer Straße 166-168

(Black: new building / Grey: renovation)

- May & December 2015: Purchase of the two buildings at Mariahilfer Straße 166 & 168
- From January 2016: Planning phase
- November 2016: Project is submitted to the building commission as a renovation/attic expansion
- From early 2017: An intensive reexamination of the project and the high vacancy rate leads to the idea of demolition/new construction. The decision is made to submit plans a second time and to restart planning in conjunction with the building commission
- 24 August 2017: Negotiations for the renovation plan
- September 2017: Submission of plans for a new building
- 06 April 2018: Announcement of the draft amendment to the Vienna building commission
- June 2018: Initiative application for early enactment of the amendment regarding demolition (with parliamentary decision on 28 June and enactment on 1 July)
- 21 June 2018: Submission of demolition start, notification to the MA37 followed by demolition start on 25 June (securing of damaged façade elements and partial demolition of uninhabited sections)
- 30 June 2018: Demolition work is suspended by the building authorities (with lively media interest in the days leading up to and following this)
- 10 July 2018: Receipt of a notification from MA37 ordering that demolition cease
- 20 July 2018: A petition against the demolition is submitted to the City of Vienna
- 25 July 2018: Building negotiations for the new building option
- 05 June 2018: Decision by the building commission on the renovation option, building plan deviations approved
- 27 July 2018: Building permit for the renovation option: Supervision of works is approved, an objection by a neighbor follows
- 02 August 2018: Appeal to the Administrative Court, main argument: An amendment to building codes does not apply to demolition work lawfully begun before said amendment entered into force
- 05 November 2018: Oral hearing on the demolition, oral delivery of judgment. Main argument of the court: At the time the construction suspension was pronounced, the magistrate had not yet issued a confirmation
- 19 December 2018: Extraordinary appeal to the Administrative Court
- January 2019: The petition against demolition is addressed at the town hall and declared closed, the various opinion statements are published on the petition platform in April. Conclusion: The Commission deems the buildings worthy of preservation and recommends extending the protection zone to our buildings, but also draws attention to the lawsuit still underway at the Administrative Court
- 19 August 2019: The Administrative Court announces that the building permit for the renovation option is legally binding as of 12 August 2019
- 16 December 2019: The decision of the Administrative Court is challenged and repealed by the Supreme Administrative Court on the grounds that it is unlawful
- March 2020: Feasibility assessment for constructing a new building behind the historic façade (architecture, statics, technical)
- May/June 2020: Building permit for new construction arrives
- June/July 2020: Preparation for and start of demolition