

Dear concerned Resident/Citizen: Thank you for communicating your concerns regarding the closure of the Riverwalk and park spaces located beside of our apartment community. Please note that One Riverwalk Apartments does not own, nor does it control the Riverwalk and park areas. Those areas are owned by the developer of the Riverwalk, Riverwalk Investors, LLC. Below for your reference is their official response.

Official Response from the Riverwalk Owner, Riverwalk Investors, LLC:

Thank you for taking the time to correspond relative to your frustration of not being able to utilize the Riverwalk facility. We share these frustrations.

Unfortunately, despite having designed and completed this wonderful amenity over two years ago, we have not been able to transfer ownership of the Riverwalk to the City of Knoxville. For many months, we have implored the City to accept ownership of the Riverwalk given our having completed all improvements required for the Riverwalk, but the City has refused. Despite this, in the spirit of maintaining a positive relationship with the City and continuing to serve the public, we have (1) made many additional improvements to the Riverwalk requested by the City, at our expense, that were above and beyond those required of us, (2) maintained the Riverwalk, at our expense, which has included, landscape maintenance, utility costs for lighting, fountains, and restrooms, and cleaning and janitorial services, and (3) kept the Riverwalk open and available to the public.

Unfortunately, we cannot continue to accept the potential liability and litigation risks associated with continuing to allow the general public to utilize the Riverwalk. We notified the City last week of our plans to close the Riverwalk and pledged our cooperation and earnest desire in having the facilities dedicated to the City prior to closure. Unfortunately, we have received little to no communication from the City staff in response.

We are anxious to reinstate access to the public and regret having to take these actions. I do feel it is important to provide you with the facts. We will continue to work diligently to complete the dedication process which is now in the hands of the City staff and has been for many months.

Personally, I grew up in Knoxville and graduated from the University almost 50 years ago. Most of my relatives still live in Knoxville. Furthermore, I could not be more proud of our development and continue my unwavering dedication to the City and East Tennessee. 🍌

Sincerely,

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