



Office of Mayor Miro Weinberger

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Joyce Walsleben
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Burlington, VT 05408

Dear Joyce,

Thank you for your commitment and dedication, and for bringing the Rivers Edge Drive gate issue to our attention. For the past number of months, my office has reviewed the permit and deed documents with the City Attorney's Office and the Department of Public Works to understand the history and permitting issues involved with the project. Rivers Edge Drive was developed as a private road, and the gate was originally permitted for that reason. When the street was accepted by the City ten years later, the gate was left in place, apparently at least in part because the road did not fully meet City standards.

Generally, before considering a major traffic change and related costs in a specific neighborhood, the City would like to have a sense of the public support for the action. Therefore, as we have done in similar situations, we would suggest that if you wish to have the gate removed, you collect signatures on a petition from the affected neighbors asking the City to consider opening the gate. Generally, the City would want to see signatures from at least 30% of the properties directly impacted and an equal share of those not directly impacted that want the street examined to be opened. The directly impacted streets include: Rivers Edge Drive, Borestone Lane, Forest Street, and Northview Drive.

If such a petition is submitted to the Department of Public Works, the Department will then consider whether or not to conduct a traffic or other study and whether other improvements or alterations would be required to carry out the requested change. Any recommendations would then be submitted to the Public Works Commission (if they involve traffic matters) and/or the City Council (if they involve other streets issues), and public input would be taken at that time.

If you have questions about the process, please do not hesitate to contact my office or Norm Baldwin at the Department of Public Works. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Miro Weinberger
Mayor