## Twin Towers – Cleaning and Maintenance of Baked-on, Powder Coated Aluminum Balcony & Railing Assembly

- Deck and railing assemblies should be inspected at least yearly and preferably every six months. Tighten or replace any loose or missing parts/fasteners immediately.
- Clean with a mild household detergent solution with warm water. A sponge or soft cloth should be used and nothing should be harsher than a natural bristle cleaning brush. The best type of soap to use is one that has emulsifiers that can break down the most common types of stains.
- 3. Avoid harsh chemical/abrasive cleaners, neat concentrated solutions, solvents, abrasive steel wools, scourers and brushes that can damage the finish. Once the finish has become damaged, it is much more vulnerable to fading staining and failure of the finish itself.
- 4. Do frequent mild cleaning rather than infrequent heavy duty cleaning.
- 5. There is no need to over clean or apply excessive pressure or rubbing.
- 6. Aluminum deck and railing assembly surfaces should be thoroughly rinsed after cleaning to remove all residues.
- 7. Avoid covering deck with carpet like indoor/outdoor carpet to prevent the development of mold.
- 8. Use area rugs approved for outdoor use. Store your rug inside during the winter months.
- 9. Legs of furniture can scuff and scratch your deck surface. Place protectors under the legs of your furniture or avoid dragging furniture across the deck.
- 10. Avoid using metal shovels to remove snow from the balconies. Use a plastic shovel or broom to avoid damaging the balcony deck finish.