

Account No. 200 2001001364

This instrument was prepared by:

FIRST UNION HOME EQUITY BANK, N. A.

400 VESTAVIA PARKWAY

(Name)

WALKER BUILDING, SUITE 101

BIRMINGHAM AL 35216

(Address)

MORTGAGE

THIS MORTGAGE is made this 3rd day of December 1996, between the Mortgagor, JOE M SIMS and NAOMI BELLE SIMS, husband & wife (herein "Borrower"), and the Mortgagee, FIRST UNION HOME EQUITY BANK, N. A., a national banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, whose address is CONS-14 0381 CHARLOTTE, NC 28280 (herein "Lender").

WHEREAS, Borrower is indebted to Lender in the principal sum of U.S. \$ 25,700.00, which indebtedness is evidenced by Borrower's note dated December 3 1996 and extensions, modifications and renewals thereof (herein "Note"), providing for monthly installments of principal and interest, with the balance of indebtedness, if not sooner paid, due and payable on December 10 2011;

TO SECURE to Lender the repayment of the indebtedness evidenced by the Note, with interest thereon; the payment of all other sums, with interest thereon, advanced in accordance herewith to protect the security of this Mortgage; and the performance of the covenants and agreements of Borrower herein contained, Borrower does hereby mortgage, grant and convey to Lender the following described property located in the County of SHELBY, State of Alabama:

See attached Exhibit "A" for legal description.

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which has the address of 3726 HWY 77 COLUMBIANA AL 35051
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

(herein "Property Address");

TOGETHER with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, rights, appurtenances and rents all of which shall be deemed to be and remain a part of the property covered by this Mortgage; and all of the foregoing, together with said property (or the leasehold estate if this Mortgage is on a leasehold) are hereinafter referred to as the "Property."

Any Rider ("Rider") attached hereto and executed of even date is incorporated herein and the covenant and agreements of the Rider shall amend and supplement the covenants and agreements of this Mortgage, as if the Rider were a part hereof.

Borrower covenants that Borrower is lawfully seized of the estate hereby conveyed and has the right to mortgage, grant and convey the Property, and that the Property is unencumbered, except for encumbrances of record. Borrower covenants that Borrower warrants and will defend generally the title to the Property against all claims and demands, subject to encumbrances of record.

UNIFORM COVENANTS. Borrower and Lender covenant and agree as follows:

1. **Payment of Principal and Interest.** Borrower shall promptly pay when due the principal and interest indebtedness evidenced by the Note. This Mortgage secures payment of said Note according to its terms, which are incorporated herein by reference.

2. **Application of Payments.** Unless applicable law provides otherwise, all payments received by Lender under the Note and paragraph 1 hereof shall be applied by Lender first to interest due on the Note, second to the principal due on the Note, and then to late charges due on the Note.

3. **Prior Mortgages and Deeds of Trust; Charges; Liens.** Borrower shall perform all of Borrower's obligations, under any mortgage, deed of trust or other security agreement with a lien which has priority over this Mortgage, including Borrower's covenants to make payments when due. Borrower shall pay or cause to be paid all taxes, assessments and other charges, fines and impositions attributable to the Property which may attain a priority over this Mortgage, and leasehold payments or ground rents, if any.

4. **Hazard Insurance.** Borrower shall keep the improvements now existing or hereafter erected on the Property insured against loss by fire, hazards included within the term "extended coverage", and such other hazards as Lender may require and in such amounts and for such periods as Lender may require.

The insurance carrier providing the insurance shall be chosen by Borrower subject to approval by Lender; provided, that such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. All insurance policies and renewals thereof shall be in a form acceptable to Lender and shall include a standard mortgage clause in favor of and in a form acceptable to Lender. Lender shall have the right to hold the policies and renewals thereof, subject to the terms of any mortgage, deed of trust or other security agreement with a lien which has priority over this Mortgage.

In the event of loss, Borrower shall give prompt notice to the insurance carrier and Lender. Lender may make proof of loss if not made promptly by Borrower.

If the Property is abandoned by Borrower, or if Borrower fails to respond to Lender within 30 days from the date notice is mailed by Lender to Borrower that the insurance carrier offers to settle a claim for insurance benefits, Lender is authorized to collect and apply the insurance proceeds at Lender's option either to restoration or repair of the Property or to the sums secured by this Mortgage.

5. **Preservation and Maintenance of Property; Leaseholds; Condominiums; Planned Unit Developments.** Borrower shall keep the Property in good repair and shall not commit waste or permit impairment or deterioration of the Property and shall comply with the provisions of any lease if this Mortgage is on a leasehold. If this Mortgage is on a unit in a condominium or a planned unit development, Borrower shall perform all of Borrower's obligations under the declaration or covenants creating or governing the condominium or planned unit development, the by-laws and regulations of the condominium or planned unit development, and constituent documents.

6. **Protection of Lender's Security.** If Borrower fails to perform the covenants and agreements contained in this Mortgage, or if any action or proceeding is commenced which materially affects Lender's interest in the Property, then Lender, at Lender's option, upon notice to Borrower, may make such appearances, disburse such sums, including reasonable attorneys' fees, and take such actions as is necessary to protect Lender's interest.

Any amounts disbursed by Lender pursuant to this paragraph 6, with interest thereon, at the Note rate, shall become additional indebtedness of Borrower secured by this Mortgage. Unless Borrower and Lender agree to other terms of payment, such amounts shall be payable upon notice from Lender to Borrower requesting payment thereof. Nothing contained in this paragraph 6 shall require Lender to incur any expense or take any action hereunder.

7. **Inspection.** Lender may make or cause to be made reasonable entries upon and inspections of the Property, provided that Lender shall give Borrower notice prior to any such inspection specifying reasonable cause therefor related to Lender's interest in the Property.

8. **Condemnation.** The proceeds of any award or claim for damages, direct or consequential, in connection with any condemnation or other taking of the Property, or part thereof, or for conveyance in lieu of condemnation, are hereby assigned and shall be paid to Lender subject to the terms of any mortgage, deed of trust or other security agreement with a lien which has priority over this Mortgage.

9. **Borrower Not Released; Forbearance By Lender Not a Waiver.** The Borrower shall remain liable for full payment of the principal and interest on the Note (or any advancement or obligation) secured hereby, notwithstanding any of the following: (a) The sale of all or a part of the premises, (b) the assumption by another party of the Borrower's obligations hereunder, (c) the forbearance or extension of time for payment or performance of any obligation hereunder, whether granted to Borrower or a subsequent owner of the property, and (d) the release of all or any part of the premises securing said obligations or the release of any party who assumes payment of the same. None of the foregoing shall in any way affect the full force and effect of the lien of this Mortgage or impair Lender's right to a deficiency judgment (in the event of foreclosure) against Borrower or any party assuming the obligations hereunder.

Any forbearance by Lender in exercising any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise afforded by applicable law, shall not be a waiver of or preclude the exercise of any such right or remedy.

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10. **Successors and Assigns Bound; Joint and Several Liability; Co-signers.** The covenants and agreements herein contained shall bind, and the rights hereunder shall inure to, the respective successors and assigns of Lender and Borrower, subject to the provisions of paragraph 15 hereof. All covenants and agreements of Borrower shall be joint and several. Any Borrower who co-signs this Mortgage, but does not execute the Note: (a) is co-signing this Mortgage only to mortgage, grant and convey that Borrower's interest in the Property to Lender under the terms of this Mortgage, (b) is not personally liable on the Note or under this Mortgage, and (c) agrees that Lender and any other Borrower hereunder may agree to extend, modify, forbear, or make any other accommodations with regard to the terms of this Mortgage or the Note without that Borrower's consent and without releasing that Borrower or modifying this Mortgage as to that Borrower's interest in the Property.

11. **Notice.** Except for any notice required under applicable law to be given in another manner, (a) any notice to Borrower provided for in this Mortgage shall be given by delivering it or by mailing such notice by first class mail addressed to Borrower or the current owner at the Property Address or at such other address as Borrower may designate by notice to Lender as provided herein, and any other person personally liable on this Note as these person's names and addresses appear in the Lender's records at the time of giving notice and (b) any notice to Lender shall be given by first class mail to Lender's address stated herein or to such other address as lender may designate by notice to Borrower as provided herein. Any notice provided for in this Mortgage shall be deemed to have been given to Borrower or Lender when given in the manner designated herein.

12. **Governing Law; Severability.** The state and local laws applicable to this Mortgage shall be the laws of the jurisdiction in which the Property is located. The foregoing sentence shall not limit the applicability of Federal law to this Mortgage. In the event that any provision or clause of this Mortgage or the Note conflicts with applicable law, such conflicts shall not affect other provisions of this Mortgage or the Note which can be given effect without the conflicting provision, and to this end the provisions of this Mortgage and the Note are declared to be severable. As used herein "costs", "expenses" and "attorneys' fees" include all sums to the extent not prohibited by applicable law or limited herein.

13. **Borrower's Copy.** Borrower shall be furnished a conformed copy of the Note, this Mortgage and Rider(s) at the time of execution or after recordation hereof.

14. **Rehabilitation Loan Agreement.** Borrower shall fulfill all of Borrower's obligations under any home rehabilitation, improvement, repair or other loan agreement which Borrower enters into with Lender. Lender, at Lender's option, may require Borrower to execute and deliver to Lender, in a form acceptable to Lender, an assignment of any rights, claims or defenses which Borrower may have against parties who supply labor, materials or services in connection with improvements made to the Property.

15. **Transfer of the Property or a Beneficial Interest in Borrower, Assumption.** If all or any part of the Property or any interest in it is sold or transferred (or if a beneficial interest in Borrower is sold or transferred and Borrower is not a natural person) without Lender's prior written consent, Lender may, at Lender's option; for any reason, declare all the sums secured by this Mortgage to be immediately due and payable. However, this option shall not be exercised by Lender if exercise is prohibited by Federal law as of the date of this Mortgage.

If Lender exercises this option, Lender shall give Borrower notice of acceleration. If Borrower fails to pay in full these sums prior to the expiration of this period, Lender may invoke any remedies permitted by this Mortgage without further notice or demand on Borrower

This Mortgage may not be assumed by a purchaser without the Lender's consent. If an assumption is allowed, the Lender may charge an assumption fee and require the person(s) assuming the loan to pay additional charges as authorized by law.

NON-UNIFORM COVENANTS. Borrower and Lender further covenant and agree as follows:

16. **Acceleration; Remedies.** Upon Borrower's breach of any covenant or agreement of Borrower in this entire Mortgage, including the covenants to pay when due any sums under the Note secured by this Mortgage, Lender, at Lender's option, may declare all of the sums secured by this Mortgage to be immediately due and payable without demand or notice, notice of the exercise of such option being hereby expressly waived; and the Lender shall have the right to enter upon and take possession of the property hereby conveyed and after or without taking such possession shall have the right to sell the same before the courthouse door in SHELBY County, Alabama at public outcry for cash, after first giving notice of the time, place and terms of such sale by publication once a week for three consecutive weeks prior to said sale, in some newspaper published in said county, and upon payment of the purchase money, the Lender, or owner of the debt and Mortgage, or auctioneer, shall execute to the purchaser for and in the name of the Mortgagors, a good and sufficient deed to the property sold; the Lender shall apply the proceeds of said sale: first, to the expense of advertising, selling and conveying said property, including a reasonable attorney's fee; second, to the payment of any amounts that may have been expended or that may then be necessary to expend in paying insurance, taxes and other encumbrances, with interest thereon; third, to the payment in full of the principal indebtedness and interest thereon, whether the same shall or shall not have fully matured at the date of said sale, but no interest shall be collected beyond the date of said sale; and fourth, the balance if any, shall be paid over to the said Borrowers or to whom ever then appears of record to be the owner of said property. The Lender may bid and become the purchaser of the mortgaged property at any foreclosure sale hereunder.

17. Assignment of Rents; Appointment of Receiver. As additional security hereunder, Borrower hereby assigns to Lender the rents of the Property, provided that Borrower shall, prior to acceleration under paragraph 16 hereof or abandonment of the Property, have the right to collect and retain such rents as they become due and payable.

Upon acceleration and/or foreclosure under paragraph 16 hereof, or abandonment of the Property, Lender, in person or by agent shall be entitled to enter upon, take possession of and manage the Property and to collect the rents of the property including those past due. the Lender shall be liable to account only for those rents actually received prior to foreclosure sale as provided in paragraph 16. Lender shall not be liable to account to Borrower or to any other person claiming any interest in the Property for any rents received after foreclosure.

18. Loan Charges. If the loan secured by this Mortgage is subject to a law which sets maximum loan charges, and that law is finally interpreted so that the interest or other loan charges collected or to be collected in connection with the loan exceed permitted limits, then: (1) any such loan charges shall be reduced by the amount necessary to reduce the charge to the permitted limit; and (2) any sums already collected from Borrower which exceeded permitted limits will be refunded to Borrower. Lender may choose to make this refund by reducing the principal owed under the Note or by mailing a direct payment to Borrower. If a refund reduces principal, the reduction will be treated as a partial prepayment under the Note.

19. Legislation. If, after the date hereof, enactment or expiration of applicable laws have the effect either of rendering the provisions of the Note, the Mortgage or any Rider, unenforceable according to their terms, or all or any part of the sums secured hereby uncollectible, as otherwise provided in this Mortgage or the Note, or of diminishing the value of Lender's security, then Lender, at Lender's option, may declare all sums secured by the Mortgage to be immediately due and payable.

20. Release. Upon payment of all sums secured by this Mortgage, the conveyance of the property pursuant to this Mortgage shall become null and void and Lender or Trustee shall release this Mortgage without charge to Borrower. Borrower shall pay all costs of recordation, if any. Lender, at Lender's option, may allow a partial release of the Property on terms acceptable to Lender and Lender may charge a release fee.

21. Waiver of Homestead. Borrower hereby waives all rights of homestead exemption in the Property and relinquishes all rights of dower and curtesy in the Property.

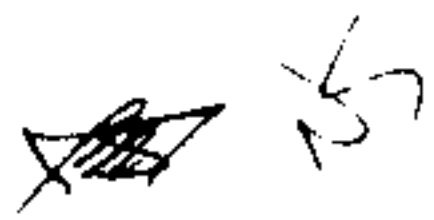
22. Hazardous Substances. Borrower shall not cause or permit the presence, use, disposal, storage, or release of any Hazardous Substances on or in the Property. Borrower shall not do, nor allow anyone else to do, anything affecting the Property that is in violation of any Environmental Law. The preceding two sentences shall not apply to the presence, use, or storage on the Property of small quantities of Hazardous Substances that are generally recognized to be appropriate to normal residential uses and to maintenance of the Property.

Borrower shall promptly give Lender written notice of any investigation, claim, demand, lawsuit, or other action by any governmental or regulatory agency or private party involving the Property and any Hazardous Substance or Environmental Law of which Borrower has actual knowledge. If Borrower learns, or is notified by any governmental or regulatory authority, that any removal, or other remediation of any Hazardous Substance affecting the Property is necessary, Borrower shall promptly take all necessary remedial actions in accordance with Environmental Law.

As used in this paragraph 22, "Hazardous Substances" are those substances defined as toxic or hazardous substances by Environmental Law and the following substances: gasoline, kerosene, other flammable or toxic petroleum products, toxic pesticides and herbicides, volatile solvents, materials containing asbestos or formaldehyde, and radioactive materials. As used in this paragraph 22, "Environmental law" means federal laws and laws of the jurisdiction where the Property is located that relate to health, safety, or environmental protection.

REQUEST FOR NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE UNDER SUPERIOR MORTGAGES OR DEEDS OF TRUST

Borrower and Lender request the holder of any mortgage, deed of trust or other encumbrance with a lien which has priority over this Mortgage to give Notice to Lender, at Lender's address set forth on page one of this Mortgage, of any default under the superior encumbrance and of any sale or other foreclosure action.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Borrower has executed this Mortgage and adopted as his seal the word ("SEAL") appearing beside his name.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Joe M. Sims (SEAL)
Borrower
JOE M SIMS

Naomi Belle Sims (SEAL)
Borrower
NAOMI BELLE SIMS

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

Joe M. Sims & Naomi Belle Sims, whose names are signed to the foregoing conveyance and who are known to me, acknowledge before me on this day, that, being informed of the contents of this conveyance, they executed the same voluntarily on the date the same bears date.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal this 3rd day of December, 19 96.

[Signature]
Notary Public

Exhibit "A"

A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SW CORNER OF SAID 1/4-1/4 SECTION; THENCE RUN EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID 1/4-1/4 SECTION A DISTANCE OF 170.0 FEET; THENCE TURN LEFT 90 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 30 SECONDS A DISTANCE OF 174.62 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF A GRAVEL DRIVE; THENCE TURN LEFT 83 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 20 SECONDS ALONG SAID CENTERLINE A DISTANCE OF 170.95 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID 1/4-1/4 SECTION; THENCE TURN LEFT 96 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 40 SECONDS ALONG SAID 1/4-1/4 LINE A DISTANCE OF 190.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PART LYING WITHIN THE HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY.

ALSO AN EASEMENT DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

AN EASEMENT OF 20 FEET IN WIDTH, THE CENTER LINE OF WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA, AND RUN THENCE NORTH 190.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID CENTER LINE; THENCE TURN AN ANGLE TO THE RIGHT OF 96 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 40 SECONDS AND RUN IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION 170.95 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING. SITUATED IN SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA.

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