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FHA Case No. **013-0378966-962**

Loan # **10231192**  
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### **ADJUSTABLE RATE HOME EQUITY CONVERSION MORTGAGE**

THIS MORTGAGE ("Security Instrument") is given on **December 13, 2023**. The mortgagor is **David N. Higdon and Sena S. Higdon, husband and wife, as joint tenants with right of survivorship**, whose address is **151 Big Oak Dr, Maylene, AL 35114-9779** ("Borrower"). The term "Borrower" does not include the Borrower's successors and assigns. Mortgagor is an original mortgagor under this Security Instrument. The term "Mortgagor" includes the Mortgagor's heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns. "Lender" is **Longbridge Financial, LLC**, which is organized and existing under the laws of Delaware, and whose address is **One International Blvd, Suite 900, Mahwah NJ 07495**. "MERS" is Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MERS is a separate corporation that is acting solely as a nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns. **MERS is the mortgagee under this Security Instrument**. MERS is organized and existing under the laws of Delaware, and has an address and telephone number of P.O. Box 2026, Flint, MI 48501-2026, tel. (888) 679-MERS. Borrower has agreed to repay to Lender amounts which Lender is obligated to advance, including future advances made on the Borrower's behalf, under the terms of a Home Equity Conversion Mortgage Adjustable Rate Loan Agreement ("Loan Agreement") dated the same date as this Security Instrument. The agreement to repay is evidenced by Borrower's Note dated the same date as this Security Instrument ("Note"). This Security Instrument secures to Lender: (a) the repayment of the debt evidenced by the Note, with interest, and all renewals, extensions and modifications of the Note, up to a maximum principal amount of **eight hundred sixteen thousand dollars (U.S. \$816,000.00)**; (b) the payment of all other sums, with interest, advanced under Paragraph 5 to protect the security of this Security Instrument or otherwise due under the terms of this Security Instrument; (c) any compounded or capitalized interest due under the terms of the Loan Agreement; and (d) the performance of Borrower's covenants and agreements under this Security Instrument and the Note and Loan Agreement. The full debt, including amounts described in (a), (b), (c), and (d) above, if not due earlier, is due and payable on **September 27, 2092**. For this purpose, Borrower and Mortgagor irrevocably mortgage, grant and convey to MERS (solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns) and to the successors and assigns of MERS, with power of sale, the following described property located in **Shelby County, Alabama**:

**See legal description as Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof for all intents and purposes**

which has the address of **151 Big Oak Dr, Maylene, AL, Shelby 35114-9779** ("Property Address").

TOGETHER WITH all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, rights, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this Security Instrument. All of the foregoing is referred to in this Security Instrument as the



"Property." Borrower and Mortgagor understand and agree that MERS holds only legal title to the interests granted by Borrower and Mortgagor in this Security Instrument, but, if necessary to comply with law or custom, MERS (as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns) has the right: to exercise any or all of those interests, including, but not limited to, the right to foreclose and sell the Property; and to take any action required of Lender including, but not limited to, releasing and canceling this Security Instrument.

BORROWER AND MORTGAGOR COVENANT that Borrower and Mortgagor are lawfully seized of the estate hereby conveyed and have the right to mortgage, grant and convey the Property and that the Property is unencumbered. Borrower and Mortgagor warrant and will defend generally the title to the Property against all claims and demands, subject to any encumbrances of record.

THIS SECURITY INSTRUMENT combines uniform covenants for national use and non-uniform covenants with limited variations by jurisdiction to constitute a uniform security instrument covering real property.

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

1. **Payment of Principal and Interest.** Borrower shall pay when due the principal of, and interest on the debt evidenced by the Note.
2. **Payment of Property Charges.** Borrower shall pay all property charges consisting of property taxes, hazard insurance premiums, flood insurance premiums, ground rents, condominium fees, planned unit development fees, homeowner's association fees, and any other special assessments that may be required by local or state law in a timely manner, and shall provide evidence of payment to Lender, unless Lender pays certain property charges as provided for and in accordance with the Loan Agreement.
3. **Fire, Flood and Other Hazard Insurance.** Borrower shall insure all improvements on the Property, whether now in existence or subsequently erected, against any hazards, casualties, and contingencies, including but not limited to fire and flood, for which Lender requires insurance. Such insurance shall be maintained in the amounts and for the periods that Lender requires; Lender has the discretion to increase or decrease the amount of any insurance required at any time provided the amount is equal to or greater than any minimum required by the Federal Housing Commissioner ("Commissioner"). Whether or not Lender imposes a flood insurance requirement, Borrower shall at a minimum insure all improvements on the Property, whether now in existence or subsequently erected, against loss by floods to the extent required by the Commissioner. If the Lender imposes insurance requirements, all insurance shall be carried with companies approved by Lender, and the insurance policies and any renewals shall be held by Lender and shall include loss payable clauses in favor of and in a form acceptable to Lender. Lender, at its option, may from time to time remove Trustee and appoint a successor trustee to any Trustee appointed hereunder.

In the event of loss, Borrower shall give Lender immediate notice by mail. Lender may make proof of loss if not made promptly by Borrower. Each insurance company concerned is hereby authorized and directed to make payment for such loss to Lender instead of to Borrower and Lender jointly. Insurance proceeds shall be applied to restoration or repair of the damaged Property, if the restoration or repair is economically feasible and Lender's security is not lessened. If the restoration or repair is not economically feasible or Lender's security would be lessened, the insurance proceeds shall be applied first to the reduction of any indebtedness under a Second Note and Second Security Instrument (as described in Paragraph 15) held by the Commissioner on the Property and then to the reduction of the indebtedness under the Note and this Security Instrument. Any excess insurance proceeds over an amount required to pay all outstanding indebtedness under the Note and this Security Instrument shall be paid to the entity legally entitled thereto.

In the event of foreclosure of this Security Instrument or other transfer of title to the Property that extinguishes the indebtedness, all right, title and interest of Borrower in and to insurance policies in force shall pass to the purchaser.





- 4. Occupancy, Preservation, Maintenance and Protection of the Property; Borrower's Loan Application; Leaseholds.** Borrower shall occupy, establish, and use the Property as Borrower's Principal Residence after the execution of this Security Instrument and Borrower (or at least one Borrower, if initially more than one person are Borrowers) shall continue to occupy the Property as Borrower's Principal Residence for the term of the Security Instrument.

Borrower shall not commit waste or destroy, damage or substantially change the Property or allow the Property to deteriorate, reasonable wear and tear excepted. Borrower shall also be in default if Borrower, during the loan application process, gave materially false or inaccurate information or statements to Lender (or failed to provide Lender with any material information) in connection with the loan evidenced by the Note, including, but not limited to, representations concerning Borrower's occupancy of the Property as a Principal Residence. If this Security Instrument is on a leasehold, Borrower shall comply with the provisions of the lease. If the Property securing this Security Instrument is a leasehold estate, Borrower shall not surrender the leasehold estate and interests herein conveyed or terminate or cancel the ground lease. Borrower shall not, without the express written consent of Lender, alter or amend the ground lease. If Borrower acquires fee title to the Property, the leasehold and fee title shall not be merged unless Lender agrees to the merger in writing.

- 5. Charges to Borrower and Protection of Lender's Rights in the Property.** Borrower shall pay all governmental or municipal charges, fines and impositions that are not included in Paragraph 2. Borrower shall pay these obligations on time directly to the entity which is owed the payment. If failure to pay would adversely affect Lender's interest in the Property, upon Lender's request Borrower shall promptly furnish to Lender receipts evidencing these payments. Borrower shall promptly discharge any lien which has priority over this Security Instrument in the manner provided in Paragraph 14(C).

If Borrower fails to make these payments or pay the property charges required by Paragraph 2, or fails to perform any other covenants and agreements contained in this Security Instrument, or there is a legal proceeding that may significantly affect Lender's rights in the Property (such as a proceeding in bankruptcy, for condemnation or to enforce laws or regulations), then Lender may do and pay whatever is necessary to protect the value of the Property and Lender's rights in the Property, including payment of taxes, hazard insurance and other items mentioned in Paragraph 2.

To protect Lender's security in the Property, Lender shall advance and charge to Borrower all amounts due to the Commissioner for the Mortgage Insurance Premium as defined in the Loan Agreement as well as all sums due to the loan servicer for servicing activities as defined in the Loan Agreement. Any amounts disbursed by Lender under this Paragraph shall become an additional debt of Borrower as provided for in the Loan Agreement and shall be secured by this Security Instrument.

- 6. Inspection.** Lender or its agent may enter on, inspect or make appraisals of the Property in a reasonable manner and at reasonable times provided that Lender shall give the Borrower notice prior to any inspection or appraisal specifying a purpose for the inspection or appraisal which must be related to Lender's interest in the Property. If the Property is vacant or abandoned or the loan is in default, Lender may take reasonable action to protect and preserve such vacant or abandoned Property without notice to the Borrower.
- 7. Condemnation.** The proceeds of any award or claim for damages, direct or consequential, in connection with any condemnation, or other taking of any part of the Property, or for conveyance in place of condemnation shall be paid to Lender. The proceeds shall be applied first to the reduction of any indebtedness under a Second Note and Second Security Instrument (as described in Paragraph 15) held by the Commissioner on the Property, and then to the reduction of the indebtedness under the Note and this Security Instrument. Any excess proceeds over an amount required to pay all outstanding indebtedness under the Note and this Security Instrument shall be paid to the entity legally entitled thereto.
- 8. Fees.** Lender may collect fees and charges authorized by the Commissioner.



**9. Non-Borrowing Spouse.** Borrower "N/A" is married under the laws of "N/A" to "N/A" ("Non-Borrowing Spouse"), who is not a Borrower under the terms of the "Note", "Loan Agreement" or this Security Instrument.

- (A) Eligible Non-Borrowing Spouse. A Non-Borrowing Spouse identified by the Borrower who meets, and continues to meet, the Qualifying Attributes requirements established by the Commissioner that the Non-Borrowing Spouse must satisfy in order to be eligible for the Deferral Period.
- (B) Ineligible Non-Borrowing Spouse. A Non-Borrowing Spouse who does not meet the Qualifying Attributes requirements established by the Commissioner that the Non-Borrowing Spouse must satisfy in order to be eligible for the Deferral Period.

**10. Grounds for Acceleration of Debt.**

(A) Due and Payable - Death.

- (i) Except as provided in Paragraph 10(A)(ii), Lender may require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Security Instrument if a Borrower dies and the Property is not the Principal Residence of at least one surviving Borrower.
- (ii) Lender shall defer the due and payable requirement under Paragraph 10(A)(i) above for any period of time ("Deferral Period") in which a Non-Borrowing Spouse identified in Paragraph 9 qualifies as an Eligible Non-Borrowing Spouse and certifies all of the following conditions are, and continue to be, met:
  - (a) Such Eligible Non-Borrowing Spouse remained the spouse of the identified Borrower for the duration of such Borrower's lifetime;
  - (b) Such Eligible Non-Borrowing Spouse has occupied, and continues to occupy, the Property as [his/her] Principal Residence;
  - (c) All other obligations of the Borrower under the Note, the Loan Agreement and this Security Instrument continue to be satisfied;
  - (d) The Note is not eligible to be called due and payable for any other reason; and
  - (e) If requested by Lender, such Eligible Non-Borrowing Spouse and the Mortgagor, if different, sign an enforceable agreement suspending the statute of limitations applicable to the enforcement of a real property lien and any other document(s) Lender deems necessary to preserve (I) the priority of Lender's lien on the Property, (II) Lender's right to foreclose the security interest in the Property, and (III) Lender's right to exercise its default remedies available under this Security Instrument and the Note.

This sub-paragraph (ii) is inapplicable or null and void if an Eligible Non-Borrowing Spouse is or becomes an Ineligible Non-Borrowing Spouse at any time. Further, during a deferral of the due and payable status, should any of the conditions for deferral cease to be met such a deferral shall immediately cease and the Note will become immediately due and payable in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 7 (A)(i) of the Note.

- (B) Due and Payable - Sale. Lender may require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Security Instrument if all of a Borrower's title in the Property (or his or her beneficial interest in a trust owning all or part of the Property) is sold or otherwise transferred and no other Borrower retains title to the Property in fee simple or retains a leasehold under a lease for not less than 99 years which is renewable or a lease having a remaining period of not less than 50 years beyond the date of the 100th birthday of the youngest Borrower or retains a life estate (or retaining a beneficial interest in a trust





with such an interest in the Property). A deferral of due and payable status is not permitted when a Lender requires immediate payment in full under this Paragraph.

(C) Due and Payable with Commissioner Approval. Except as provided below for Paragraph 10(C)(ii), Lender may require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Security Instrument, upon approval of the Commissioner, if:

- (i) Property ceases to be the Principal Residence of a Borrower for reasons other than death and the Property is not the Principal Residence of at least one other Borrower; or
- (ii) For a period of longer than twelve (12) consecutive months, a Borrower fails to occupy the Property because of physical or mental illness and the Property is not the Principal Residence of at least one other Borrower or Eligible Non-Borrowing Spouse; or
- (iii) An obligation of the Borrower under this Security Instrument is not performed.

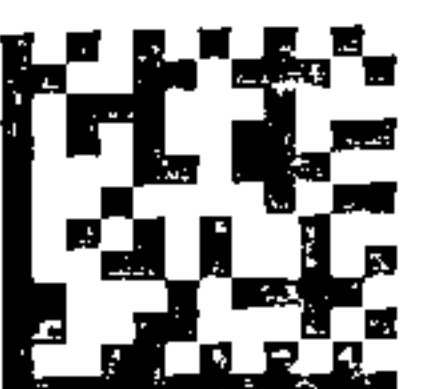
A deferral of due and payable status is not permitted when a Lender requires immediate payment in full under Paragraph 10(C), except Lender shall defer the Due and Payable requirement under Paragraph 10(C)(ii) above for any period of time ("Deferral Period") during which a Non-Borrowing Spouse identified in Paragraph 9 qualifies as an Eligible Non-Borrowing Spouse and certifies all of the conditions in Paragraph 10(A)(ii) are, and continue to be, met. Such Deferral Period, if any, under sub-Paragraph 10(C)(ii) is inapplicable or null and void if an Eligible Non-Borrowing Spouse is or becomes an Ineligible Non-Borrowing Spouse at any time. Further, during a deferral of the due and payable status, should any of the conditions for deferral under sub-Paragraph 10(A)(ii) cease to be met, such a deferral shall immediately cease and the Note will become immediately due and payable.

(D) Notice and Certification to Lender. Borrower shall complete and provide to the Lender on an annual basis a certification, in a form prescribed by the Lender, stating whether the Property remains the Borrower's Principal Residence and, if applicable, the Principal Residence of his or her Non-Borrowing Spouse. Where a Borrower has identified a Non-Borrowing Spouse in Paragraph 9 and the identified Non-Borrowing Spouse qualifies as an Eligible Non-Borrowing Spouse, the Borrower shall also complete and provide to the Lender on an annual basis an Eligible Non-Borrowing Spouse certification, in a form prescribed by the Lender, certifying that all requirements for the application of a Deferral Period continue to apply and continue to be met. During a Deferral Period, the annual Principal Residence certification must continue to be completed and provided to the Lender by the Eligible Non-Borrowing Spouse. The Borrower shall also notify Lender whenever any of the events listed in this Paragraph 10(B) and (C) occur.

(E) Notice to Commissioner and Borrower. Lender shall notify the Commissioner and Borrower whenever the loan becomes due and payable under Paragraph 10(B) and (C). Lender shall not have the right to commence foreclosure until Borrower has had thirty (30) days after notice to either:

- (i) Correct the matter which resulted in the Security Instrument coming due and payable; or
- (ii) Pay the balance in full; or
- (iii) Sell the Property for the lesser of the balance or ninety-five percent (95%) of the appraised value and apply the net proceeds of the sale toward the balance; or
- (iv) Provide the Lender with a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure.

(F) Notice to Commissioner and Eligible Non-Borrowing Spouse. Lender shall notify the Commissioner and any Eligible Non-Borrowing Spouse whenever any event listed in Paragraph 10(B) and (C) occurs during a Deferral Period.



(G) Trusts. Conveyance of a Borrower's interest in the Property to a trust which meets the requirements of the Commissioner, or conveyance of a trust's interests in the Property to a Borrower, shall not be considered a conveyance for purposes of this Paragraph 10. A trust shall not be considered an occupant or be considered as having a Principal Residence for purposes of this Paragraph 10.

(H) Mortgage Not Insured. Borrower agrees that should this Security Instrument and the Note not be eligible for insurance under the National Housing Act within 60 days from the date hereof, if permitted by applicable law Lender may, at its option, require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Security Instrument. A written statement of any authorized agent of the Commissioner dated subsequent to 60 days from the date hereof, declining to insure this Security Instrument and the Note, shall be deemed conclusive proof of such ineligibility. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this option may not be exercised by Lender when the unavailability of insurance is solely due to Lender's failure to remit a mortgage insurance premium to the Commissioner.

**11. No Deficiency Judgments.** Borrower shall have no personal liability for payment of the debt secured by this Security Instrument. Lender may enforce the debt only through sale of the Property. Lender shall not be permitted to obtain a deficiency judgment against Borrower if the Security Instrument is foreclosed. If this Security Instrument is assigned to the Commissioner upon demand by the Commissioner, Borrower shall not be liable for any difference between the mortgage insurance benefits paid to Lender and the outstanding indebtedness, including accrued interest, owed by Borrower at the time of the assignment.

**12. Reinstatement.** Borrower has a right to be reinstated if Lender has required immediate payment in full. This right applies even after foreclosure proceedings are instituted. To reinstate this Security Instrument, Borrower shall correct the condition which resulted in the requirement for immediate payment in full. Foreclosure costs and reasonable and customary attorney's fees and expenses properly associated with the foreclosure proceeding shall be added to the Principal Balance. Upon reinstatement by Borrower, this Security Instrument and the obligations that it secures shall remain in effect as if Lender had not required immediate payment in full. However, Lender is not required to permit reinstatement if: (i) Lender has accepted reinstatement after the commencement of foreclosure proceedings within two (2) years immediately preceding the commencement of a current foreclosure proceeding, (ii) reinstatement will preclude foreclosure on different grounds in the future, or (iii) reinstatement will adversely affect the priority of the Security Instrument.

**13. Deferral Period Reinstatement.** If a Deferral Period ceases or becomes unavailable because a Non-Borrowing Spouse no longer satisfies the Qualifying Attributes for a Deferral Period and has become an Ineligible Non-Borrowing Spouse, neither the Deferral Period nor the Security Instrument may be reinstated. In the event a Deferral Period ceases because an obligation of the Note, the Loan Agreement, or this Security Instrument has not been met or the Note has become eligible to be called due and payable and is in default for a reason other than death, an Eligible Non-Borrowing Spouse may have a Deferral Period and this Security Instrument reinstated provided that the condition which resulted in the Deferral Period ceasing is corrected within thirty (30) days. A Lender may require the Eligible Non-Borrowing Spouse to pay for foreclosure costs and reasonable and customary attorney's fees and expenses properly associated with the foreclosure proceeding, such costs may not be added to the Principal Balance. Upon reinstatement by an Eligible Non-Borrowing Spouse, the Deferral Period and this Security Instrument and the obligations that it secures shall remain in effect as if the Deferral Period had not ceased and the Lender had not required immediate payment in full. However, Lender is not required to permit reinstatement if: (i) the Lender has accepted a reinstatement of either the Deferral Period or this Security Instrument within the past two (2) years immediately preceding the current notification to the Eligible Non-Borrowing Spouse that the mortgage is due and payable; (ii) reinstatement of either the Deferral Period or this Security Instrument will preclude foreclosure in the future, or (iii) reinstatement of either the Deferral Period or Security Instrument will adversely affect the priority of this Security Instrument.

**14. Lien Status.**





- (A) Modification. Borrower and Mortgagor agree to extend this Security Instrument in accordance with this Paragraph 14(A). If Lender determines that the original lien status of this Security Instrument is jeopardized under state law (including but not limited to situations where the amount secured by this Security Instrument equals or exceeds the maximum principal amount stated or the maximum period under which loan advances retain the same lien priority initially granted to loan advances has expired) and state law permits the original lien status to be maintained for future loan advances through the execution and recordation of one or more documents, then Lender shall obtain title evidence at Borrower's expense. If the title evidence indicates that the Property is not encumbered by any liens (except this Security Instrument, the Second Security Instrument described in Paragraph 15(A) and any subordinate liens that the Lender determines will also be subordinate to any future loan advances), Lender shall request the Borrower and Mortgagor to execute any documents necessary to protect the lien status of future loan advances. Borrower and Mortgagor agree to execute such documents. If state law does not permit the original lien status to be extended to future loan advances, Borrower will be deemed to have failed to have performed an obligation under this Security Instrument.
- (B) Tax Deferral Programs. Borrower shall not participate in a real estate tax deferral program, if any liens created by the tax deferral are not subordinate to this Security Instrument.
- (C) Prior Liens. Borrower shall promptly discharge any lien which has priority over this Security Instrument unless Borrower: (a) agrees in writing to the payment of the obligation secured by the lien in a manner acceptable to Lender; (b) contests in good faith the lien by, or defends against enforcement of the lien in, legal proceedings which in the Lender's opinion operate to prevent the enforcement of the lien or forfeiture of any part of the Property; or (c) secures from the holder of the lien an agreement satisfactory to Lender subordinating the lien to all amounts secured by this Security Instrument. If Lender determines that any part of the Property is subject to a lien which may attain priority over this Security Instrument, Lender may give Borrower a notice identifying the lien. Borrower shall satisfy the lien or take one or more of the actions set forth above within ten (10) days of the giving of notice.

#### **15. Relationship to Second Security Instrument.**

- (A) Second Security Instrument. In order to secure payments which the Commissioner may make to or on behalf of Borrower pursuant to Section 255(i)(1)(A) of the National Housing Act and the Loan Agreement, the Commissioner has required Borrower to execute a Second Note and a Second Security Instrument on the Property.
- (B) Relationship of First and Second Security Instruments. Payments made by the Commissioner shall not be included in the debt under the Note unless:
  - (i) This Security Instrument is assigned to the Commissioner; or
  - (ii) The Commissioner accepts reimbursement by the Lender for all payments made by the Commissioner.

If the circumstances described in (i) or (ii) occur, then all payments by the Commissioner, including interest on the payments, but excluding late charges paid by the Commissioner, shall be included in the debt under the Note.

- (C) Effect on Borrower. Where there is no assignment or reimbursement as described in (B)(i) or (ii) and the Commissioner makes payments to Borrower, then Borrower shall not:
  - (i) Be required to pay amounts owed under the Note, or pay any rents and revenues of the Property under Paragraph 23 to Lender or a receiver of the Property, until the Commissioner has required payment in full of all outstanding principal and accrued interest under the Second Note; or



- (ii) Be obligated to pay interest or shared appreciation under the Note at any time, whether accrued before or after the payments by the Commissioner, and whether or not accrued interest has been included in the principal balance under the Note.

(D) No Duty of the Commissioner. The Commissioner has no duty to Lender to enforce covenants of the Second Security Instrument or to take actions to preserve the value of the Property, even though Lender may be unable to collect amounts owed under the Note because of restrictions in this Paragraph 15.

**16. Forbearance by Lender Not a Waiver.** Any forbearance by Lender in exercising any right or remedy shall not be a waiver of or preclude the exercise of any right or remedy.

**17. Successors and Assigns Bound; Joint and Several Liability.** The covenants and agreements of this Security Instrument shall bind and benefit the successors and assigns of Lender. Borrower may not assign any rights or obligations under this Security Instrument or under the Note, except to a trust that meets the requirements of the Commissioner. Borrower's covenants and agreements shall be joint and several.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, upon the death of the last surviving Borrower, the Borrower's successors and assigns will be bound to perform Borrower's obligations under this Security Instrument.

**18. Notices.** Any notice to Borrower or Mortgagor provided for in this Security Instrument shall be given by delivering it or by mailing it by first class mail unless applicable law requires use of another method. The notice shall be directed to the Property Address or any other address all Borrowers jointly designate. Any notice to Lender shall be given by first class mail to Lender's address stated herein or any address Lender designates by notice to Borrower. Any notice to a Non-Borrowing Spouse or Non-Borrowing Owner provided for in this Security Instrument shall be given by delivering it or by mailing it by first class mail unless applicable law requires use of another method. The notice shall be directed to the Property Address. Any notice provided for in this Security Instrument shall be deemed to have been given to Borrower, Lender, Mortgagor, Non-Borrowing Spouse, or Non-Borrowing Owner when given as provided in this Paragraph 18.

**19. Governing Law; Severability.** This Security Instrument shall be governed by Federal law and the law of the jurisdiction in which the Property is located. In the event that any provision or clause of this Security Instrument or the Note conflicts with applicable law, such conflict shall not affect other provisions of this Security Instrument or the Note which can be given effect without the conflicting provision. To this end the provisions of this Security Instrument and the Note are declared to be severable.

**20. Borrower's and Mortgagor's Copy.** Borrower shall be given one conformed copy of the Note and this Security Instrument, and Mortgagor shall be given one conformed copy of this Security Instrument.

**21. Third-Party Beneficiary.** Except as set forth in Paragraph 10(a)(ii) and only for an Eligible Non-Borrowing Spouse, this Mortgage does not and is not intended to confer any rights or remedies upon any person other than the parties. Borrower agrees that it is not a third-party beneficiary to the Contract of Insurance between FHA and Lender.

**22. Capitalized Terms.** Capitalized terms not defined in this Security Instrument shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Loan Agreement.

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

**23. Assignment of Rents.** In the event of a Borrower default, Borrower unconditionally assigns and transfers to Lender all the rents and revenues of the Property. In the event of a Borrower default, Borrower authorizes Lender or Lender's agents to collect the rents and revenues and hereby directs each tenant of the Property to pay the rents to Lender or Lender's agents. However, prior to Lender's notice of default to Borrower of Borrower's breach of any covenant or agreement in the Security Instrument, Borrower shall collect and





receive all rents and revenues of the Property as trustee for the benefit of Lender and Borrower. This assignment of rents constitutes an absolute assignment and not an assignment for additional security only.

If Lender gives notice of breach to Borrower: (a) all rents received by Borrower shall be held by Borrower as trustee for benefit of Lender only, to be applied to the sums secured by this Security Instrument; (b) Lender shall be entitled to collect and receive all of the rents of the Property; and (c) each tenant of the Property shall pay all rents due and unpaid to Lender or Lender's agent on Lender's written demand to the tenant.

Borrower has not executed any prior assignment of the rents and has not and will not perform any act that would prevent Lender from exercising its rights under this Paragraph 23.

Lender shall not be required to enter upon, take control of or maintain the Property before or after giving notice of breach to Borrower. However, Lender or a judicially appointed receiver may do so at any time there is a breach. Any application of rents shall not cure or waive any default or invalidate any other right or remedy of Lender. This assignment of rents of the Property shall terminate when the debt secured by this Security Instrument is paid in full.

- 24. Foreclosure Procedure.** If Lender requires immediate payment in full under Paragraph 10, Lender may invoke the power of sale and any other remedies permitted by Applicable Law. Lender shall be entitled to collect all expenses incurred in pursuing the remedies provided in this Paragraph 24, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of title evidence.

If Lender invokes the power of sale, Lender shall give a copy of a notice to Borrower in the manner provided in Paragraph 18. Lender shall publish the notice of sale once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in Shelby County, Alabama, and thereupon shall sell the Property to the highest bidder at public auction at the front door of the County Courthouse of this County. Lender shall deliver to the purchaser Lender's deed conveying the Property. Lender or its designee may purchase the Property at any sale. Borrower covenants and agrees that the proceeds of the sale shall be applied in the following order: (a) to all expenses of the sale, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees; (b) to all sums secured by this Security Instrument; and (c) any excess to the person or persons legally entitled to it.

- 25. Lien Priority.** The full amount secured by this Security Instrument shall have the same priority over any other liens on the Property as if the full amount had been disbursed on the date the initial disbursement was made, regardless of the actual date of any disbursement. The amount secured by this Security Instrument shall include all direct payments by Lender to Borrower and all other loan advances permitted by this Security Instrument for any purpose. This lien priority shall apply notwithstanding any State constitution, law or regulation, except that this lien priority shall not affect the priority of any liens for unpaid State or local governmental unit special assessments or taxes.

- 26. Adjustable Rate Feature.** Under the Note, the initial stated interest rate of **7.625%** which accrues on the unpaid principal balance ("Initial Interest Rate") is subject to change, as described below. When the interest rate changes, the new adjusted interest rate will be applied to the total outstanding principal balance. Each adjustment to the interest rate will be based on the Weekly Average Yield on U.S. Treasury Securities Adjusted to a Constant Maturity of One year ("Index") plus a margin. If a Replacement Event (as defined in the Note) occurs, Lender will select a new Index as described in the Note.

Lender will perform the calculations described below to determine the new adjusted interest rate. The interest rate may change on **February 1, 2024**, and on the first day of each succeeding month ("Change Date"). Change Date means each date on which the interest rate could change.

The value of the Index will be determined, using the most recent Index figure available thirty (30) days before the Change Date ("Current Index"). Before each Change Date, the new interest rate will be calculated by adding a margin to the Current Index, then rounded to the nearest one-eighth of one percentage point (0.125%). This rounded sum of the margin plus the Current Index will be called the "Calculated Interest



Rate" for each Change Date. The Calculated Interest Rate will be compared to the interest rate in effect immediately prior to the current Change Date (the "Existing Interest Rate").

The Calculated Interest Rate will never increase above **twelve and six hundred twenty-five thousandth** percent (**12.625%**).

The Calculated Interest Rate will be adjusted if necessary to comply with the rate limitation(s) described above and will be in effect until the next Change Date. At any change date, if the Calculated Interest Rate equals the Existing Interest Rate, the interest rate will not change.

- 27. Release.** Upon payment of all sums secured by this Security Instrument, Lender shall release this Security Instrument. Borrower shall pay any recordation costs. Lender may charge Borrower a fee for releasing this Security Instrument, but only if the fee is paid to a third party for services rendered and the charging of the fee is permitted under Applicable Law.
- 28. Waivers.** Borrower waives all rights of homestead exemption in the Property and relinquishes all rights of curtesy and dower in the Property.
- 29. Future Advances.** In addition to all other indebtedness secured by this Security Instrument, this Security Instrument shall also secure and constitute a first-position mortgage and lien on the mortgaged Property for present and future obligations of Borrower to Lender, and this Security Instrument is executed to secure all such obligations. Future advances includes, but is not limited to, compounding or capitalized interest, advances by the Lender for payment of taxes and insurance pursuant to Paragraph 5, and other amounts disbursed pursuant to the Loan Documents and the Loan Agreement.
- 30. Marital Status.** The marital statuses of the Borrowers are: **Married and Married.**
- 31. Nominee Capacity of MERS.** MERS serves as mortgagee of record and secured party solely as nominee, in an administrative capacity, for Lender and its successors and assigns and holds legal title to the interests granted, assigned, and transferred herein. All payments or deposits with respect to the secured obligations shall be made to Lender, all advances under the Loan Documents shall be made by Lender, and all consents, approvals, or other determinations required or permitted of Mortgagee herein shall be made by Lender. MERS shall at all times comply with the instructions of Lender and its successors and assigns. If necessary to comply with law or custom, MERS (for the benefit of Lender and its successors and assigns) may be directed by Lender to exercise any or all of those interests, including without limitation, the right to foreclosure and sell the Property, and take any action required of Lender, including without limitation, a release, discharge or reconveyance of this Security Instrument. Subject to the foregoing, all references herein to "Mortgagee" shall include Lender and its successors and assigns.
- 32. Riders to this Security Instrument.** If one or more riders are executed by Borrower and Mortgagor, and recorded together with this Security Instrument, the covenants of each such rider shall be incorporated into and shall amend and supplement the covenants and agreements of this Security Instrument as if the rider(s) were a part of this Security Instrument. [Check applicable box(es)]

☐ Condominium Rider


☐ Planned Unit Development Rider

☐ Other [Specify]

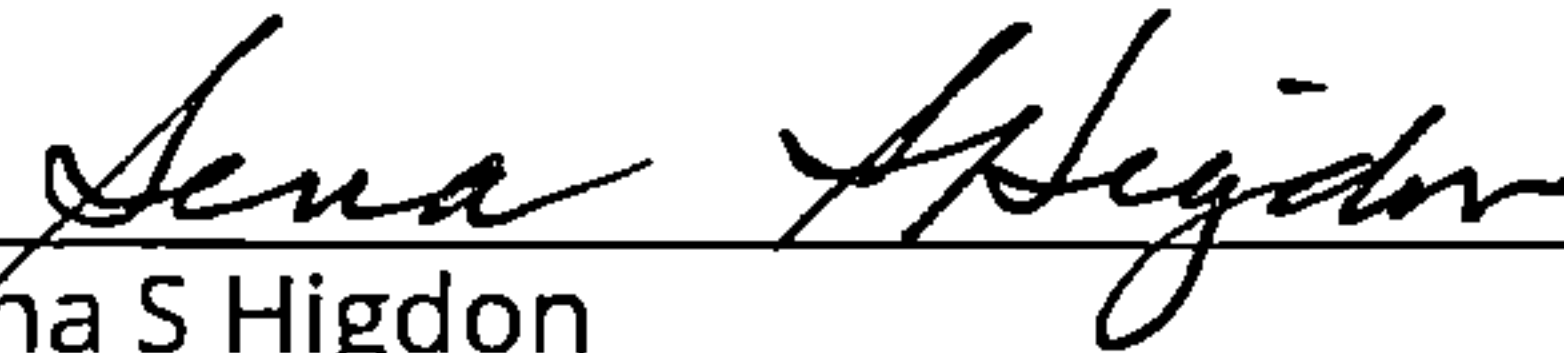




BY SIGNING BELOW, Borrower and Mortgagor accept and agree to the terms and covenants contained in this Security Instrument and in any rider(s) executed by Borrower and recorded with it.

 (Seal)  
David N Higdon

12-13-23  
Date

 (Seal)  
Sena S Higdon

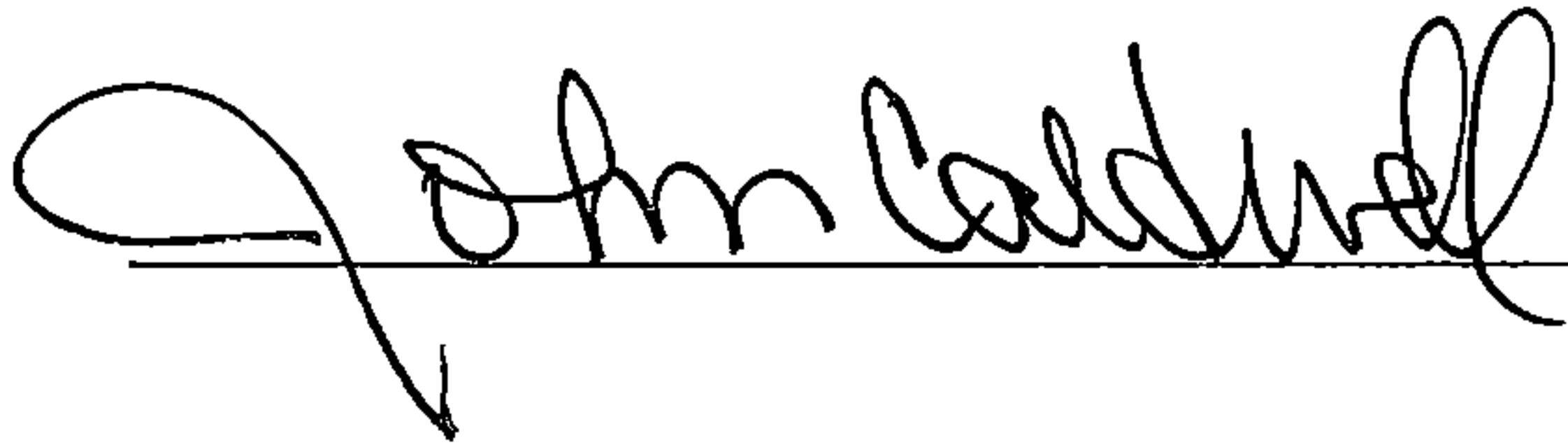
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[Space Below This Line For Acknowledgment]

The State of Alabama

Shelby County

I, John Caldwell (name and style of officer) hereby certify that  
David N. Higdon and Sena S. Higdon whose name  
is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being  
informed of the contents of the conveyance, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.  
Given under my hand this 13 day of December, A. D. 2023

 (Signature of Officer)



**Loan Originator Organization**

Mortgage Loan Originator Organization: **Longbridge Financial, LLC**  
Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry Identification Number: **957935**

**Individual Loan Originator**

Mortgage Loan Originator: **Penny Thayer**  
Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry Identification Number: **2166999**

**Lender**

Lender Name: **Longbridge Financial, LLC**  
Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry Identification Number: **957935**



## EXHIBIT A

Exhibit A to the MORTGAGE made on **December 13, 2023**, by **David N. Higdon and Sena S. Higdon, husband and wife, as joint tenants with right of survivorship** ("Borrower") to **Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS")** ("Mortgagee"). The Property is located in the county of **Shelby**, state of **Alabama**, described as follows:

Legal Description of Property:  
SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A

APN/Parcel ID: **235150002012019**





**Title No:** ARS-94493

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

**EXHIBIT "A"**

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SHELBY, STATE OF ALABAMA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

The following described real estate situated in Shelby County, Alabama, to-wit:

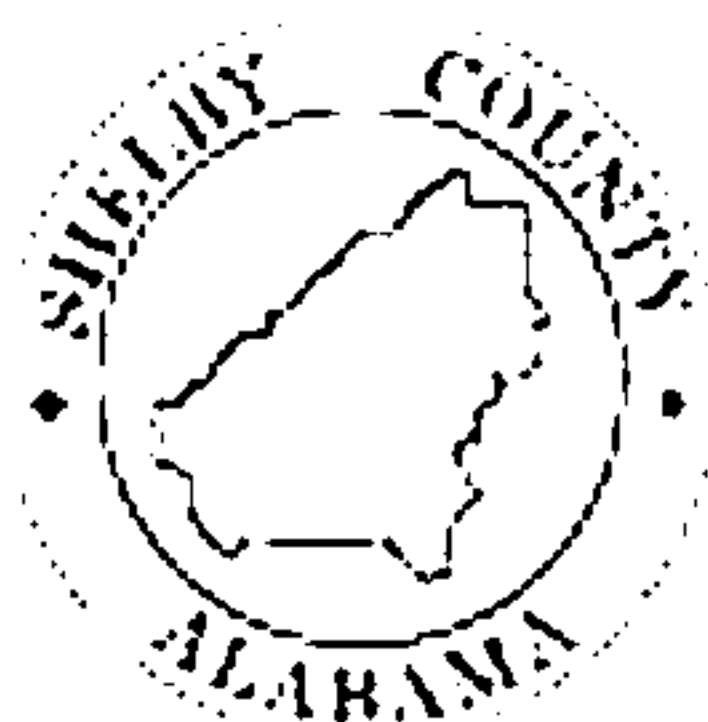
A parcel of land situated in the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 15 Township 21 South Range 3 West described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 15; Go North 01 degree 40 minutes 52 seconds West along the West boundary of said 1/4-1/4 Section for 200 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue along previous course for 360.00 feet; thence North 62 degrees 53 minutes 50 seconds East for 688.81 feet to a point of a curve on the Southwesterly boundary of Big Oak Drive, said curve having a central angle of 30 degrees 30 minutes 27 seconds and a radius of 388.10 feet thence along said curve 206.65 feet to the point of Tangent; thence South 54 degrees 44 minutes 55 seconds West for 853.19 feet to the Point of Beginning; being situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

Parcel ID: 235150002012019

Commonly known as: 151 Big Oak Drive, Maylene, AL 35114

**However, by showing this address no additional coverage is provided**

✓ Being the same property conveyed to David N. Higdon and Sena S. Higdon, husband and wife, as joint tenants with right of survivorship from Gene Smythe, unmarried, by and through his attorney in fact Trammell L. Norris by Warranty Deed dated September 14, 2007 and recorded September 25, 2007 among the Land Records of Shelby County, State of Alabama in Instrument No. 20070925000450480.



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