

This instrument was prepared by:

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MORTGAGE

This Mortgage dated November 20, 2025 is made and executed between **Thomas Hammock and Katie Hammock, husband and wife**, (referred to below as "Borrower") and **Jefferson Randolph Esser and Carolyn Smith Esser as Trustees of the Esser Family Trust** whose address is 1664 Wingfield Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242 (referred to below as "Lender").

NOW THEREFORE, Borrower does grant unto Lender a Mortgage in the following described real estate situated in Shelby County, Alabama to-wit:

See Attached Exhibit "A"

The common address for said property is 8117 Castlehill Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35242.

Said property is warranted to be free from any encumbrances and against any adverse claims, except as stated above.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above granted property unto the said Lender, Lender's successor, heirs, and assigns forever, and for the purpose of further securing the payment of said indebtedness, the undersigned Borrower agrees to the following Uniform Covenants:

1. PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL, INTEREST AND LATE CHARGES.

Borrower shall pay to Lender the Loan Amount of Five Hundred Thirty Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Three and 00/100 (\$530,323.00) as evidenced by the Note of the same date in Three Hundred Sixty (360) Interest-Only payments of One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Seven and 74/100 Dollars (\$1,767.74) beginning on January 1, 2026 with a final payment due on or before December 1, 2056. Payments are deemed received by Lender when received at the location designated by Lender in the Note.

2. TAXES; LIENS. Borrower shall pay all taxes, assessments, charges, fines and impositions attributable to the property which can attain priority over this Security Instrument. If property taxes increase on the property during the term of this Mortgage, Borrower will be responsible for paying the difference in said increase.

3. PROPERTY INSURANCE. Borrower is solely responsible for maintaining insurance on dwelling and/or property for as long as Mortgage is in effect.

Borrower is solely responsible for maintaining insurance on any personal property contained or stored on real property.

4. PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY. Borrower shall not destroy, damage or impair the property, allow the property to deteriorate or commit waste on the Property. Borrowers shall maintain the Property in marketable condition and preserve its value. Borrowers shall promptly comply with all laws, ordinances, and regulations, including environmental, now or hereafter in effect, of all governmental authorities applicable to the use or occupancy of the Property.

5. OCCUPYING OF PROPERTY. Borrower may occupy property upon conveyance of title. Utilities may be placed in the Borrower's name on that date or any subsequent date thereafter.

6. EVENTS OF DEFAULT. Each of the following, at Lender's option, shall constitute an Event of Default under this Mortgage:

A. Payment Default. Borrower fails to make any payment when due under the indebtedness.

B. Default on Other Payments. Failure of Borrower within the time required by this Mortgage to make any other payment necessary to prevent filing of or to effect discharge of any lien.

C. Other Defaults. Borrower fails to comply with or to perform any other term, obligation, covenant or condition contained in this Mortgage, Note or in any of the related documents or to comply with or to perform any term, obligation, covenant or condition contained in any other Related Documents which reflect an agreement between Lender and Borrower.

D. False Statements. Any warranty, representation or statement made or furnished to Lender by Borrower or on Borrower's behalf, or made by Guarantor, or any other guarantor, endorser, surety, or accommodation party, under this Mortgage Note or any other related documents in connection with the obtaining of the indebtedness evidenced by the Note or any security document directly or indirectly securing repayment of the Note is false or misleading in any material respect, either now or at the time made or furnished or becomes false or misleading at any time thereafter.

E. Default in Favor of Third Parties. Should Borrower default under any loan, extension of credit, security agreement, purchase or sales agreement, or any other agreement, in favor of any other creditor or person that may materially affect any of Borrower's property or Borrower's ability to repay the indebtedness or Borrower's ability to perform his obligations under this Mortgage or any related documents.

F. Breach of Other Agreement. Any breach by Borrower under the terms of any other agreement between Borrower and Lender, including Note, that is not remedied within any grace period provided therein, including without limitation any agreement concerning any indebtedness or other obligation of Borrower to Lender, whether existing now or later.

G. Adverse Change. A material adverse change occurs in Borrower's financial condition, or Lender reasonably believes the prospect of payment or performance of the indebtedness is impaired.

7. RIGHTS AND REMEDIES ON DEFAULT. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and at any time thereafter, Lender, at Lender's option, may exercise the following remedy, in addition to any other rights or remedies provided by law:

A. Accelerate Payment. In the event of default by the Borrower, Lender shall give notice to Borrower prior to acceleration following Borrower's breach of any covenant or agreement in this Security Instrument. This notice shall specify the following: (a) the default; (b) the action required to cure the default; (c) a date, not less than 30 days from the date the notice is given to Borrower, by which the default must be cured; and (d) that failure to cure the default on or before the date specified in the notice may result in acceleration of the sums secured by this Security Instrument and sale of the Property. The notice shall further inform the Borrower of the right to reinstate after acceleration and the right to bring a court action to assert the non-existence of a default or any other defense of Borrower to acceleration and sale. If the default is not cured on or before the date specified in the notice, Lender at its option may require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Security Instrument without further demand and may invoke the power of sale, the removal of personal property (which includes mobile homes) and any other remedies permitted by Applicable Law.

B. Attorneys' Fees; Expenses. If Lender institutes any suit or action to enforce any of the terms of this Mortgage, Lender shall be entitled to recover such sum as the court may adjudge reasonable as attorneys' fees at trial and upon any appeal. Whether or not any court action is involved, and to the extent not prohibited by law, all reasonable expenses Lender incurs that in Lender's opinion are necessary at any time for the protection of its interest or the enforcement of its rights shall become a part of the Indebtedness payable on demand and shall bear interest at the Note rate from the date expenditure until repaid. Expenses covered by this paragraph include, without limitation, Lender's attorneys' fees and Lender's legal expenses, whether or not there is a lawsuit, including attorneys' fees and expenses for bankruptcy proceedings (including efforts to modify or vacate any automatic stay or injunction), appeals, and any anticipated post judgment collection services, any costs associated with searching records, obtaining title reports, surveyors' reports, appraisal fees and title insurance.

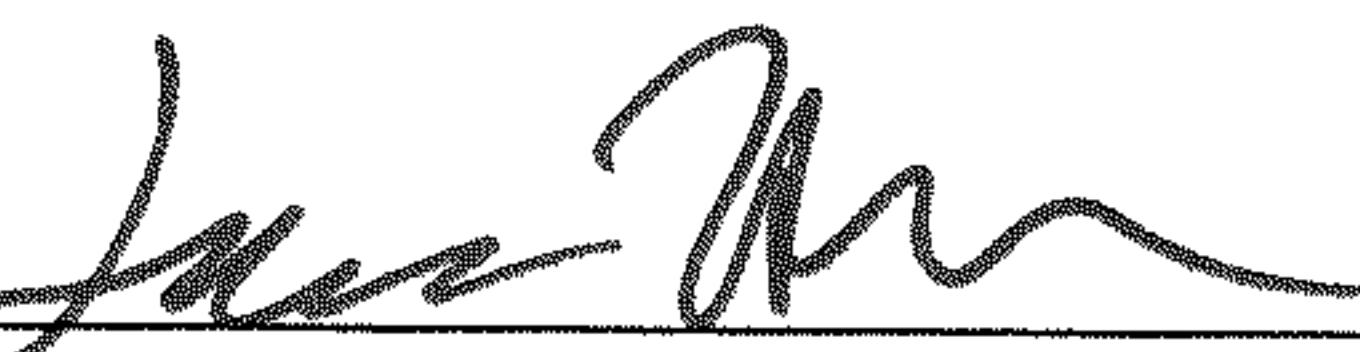
C. Notices. Any notice required to be given under this Mortgage, including without limitation any notice of default and any notice invoking the power of sale shall be given in writing, and shall be effective when actually delivered, when actually received by telefacsimile (unless otherwise required by law), when deposited with a nationally recognized overnight courier, or, if mailed, when deposited in the United States mail, as first class, certified or registered mail postage prepaid, directed to the addresses shown near the beginning of this Mortgage. Any party may change its address for notices under this Mortgage by giving formal written notice to the other party, specifying that the purpose of the notice is to change the party's address. For notice purposes, Borrower agrees to keep Lender informed at all times of Borrower's current address.

**BORROWER ACKNOWLEDGES THEY HAVE READ AND
UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS MORTGAGE AND
AGREES TO ALL TERMS AS STATED HEREIN.**

**THIS MORTGAGE IS GIVEN UNDER SEAL AND IT IS INTENDED
THAT THIS MORTGAGE IS AND SHALL CONSTITUTE AND HAVE THE
EFFECT OF A SEALED INSTRUMENT ACCORDING TO LAW.**

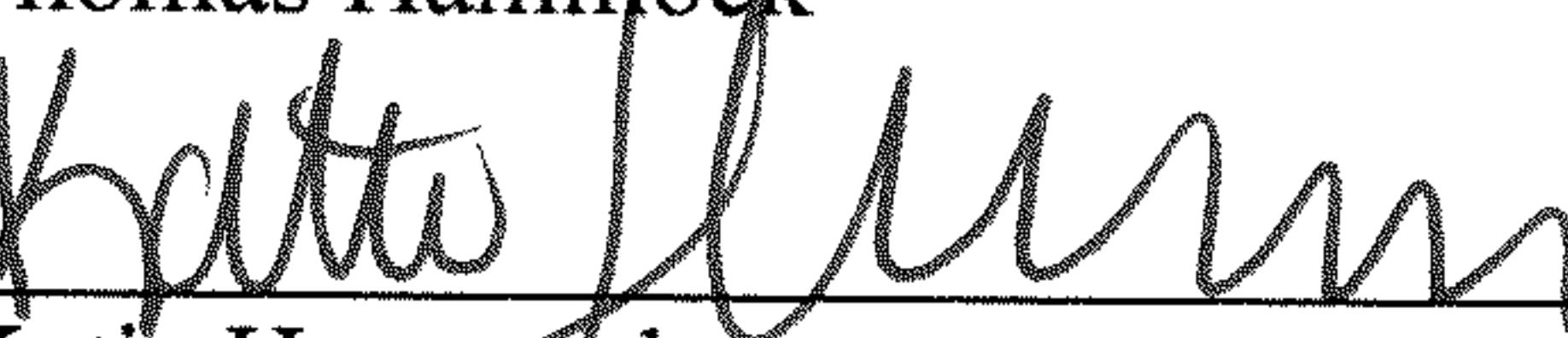
BY SIGNING BELOW, Borrower acknowledges, accepts and agrees to the terms covenants and provisions contained in this Security Instrument.

BORROWER:



Thomas Hammock

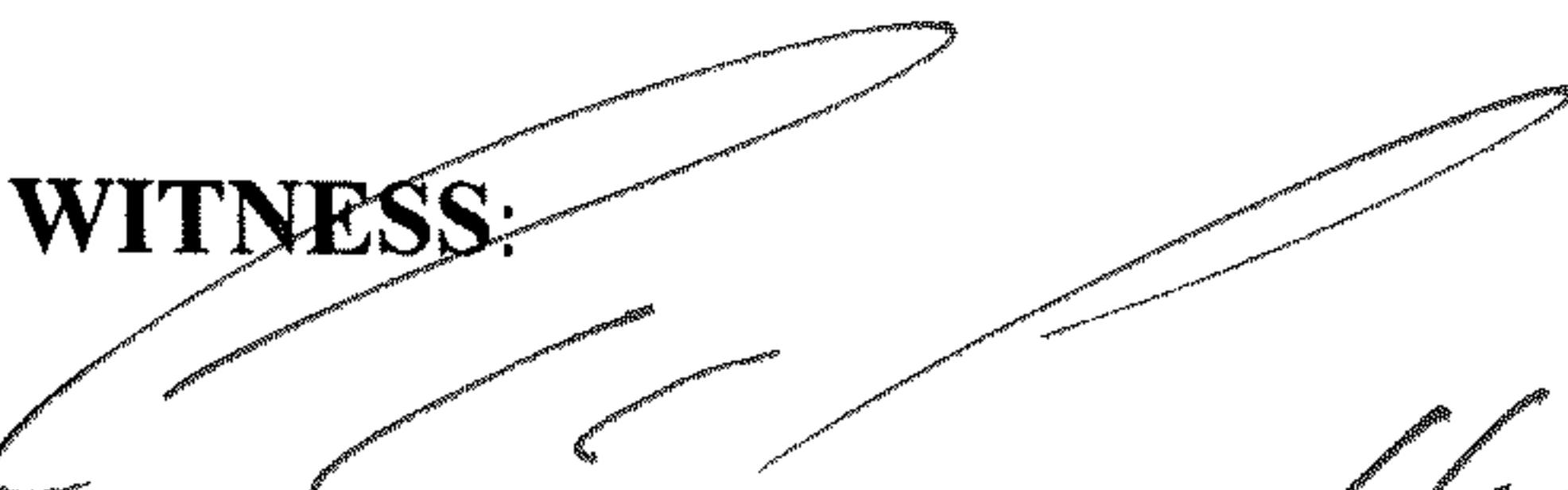
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Katie Hammock

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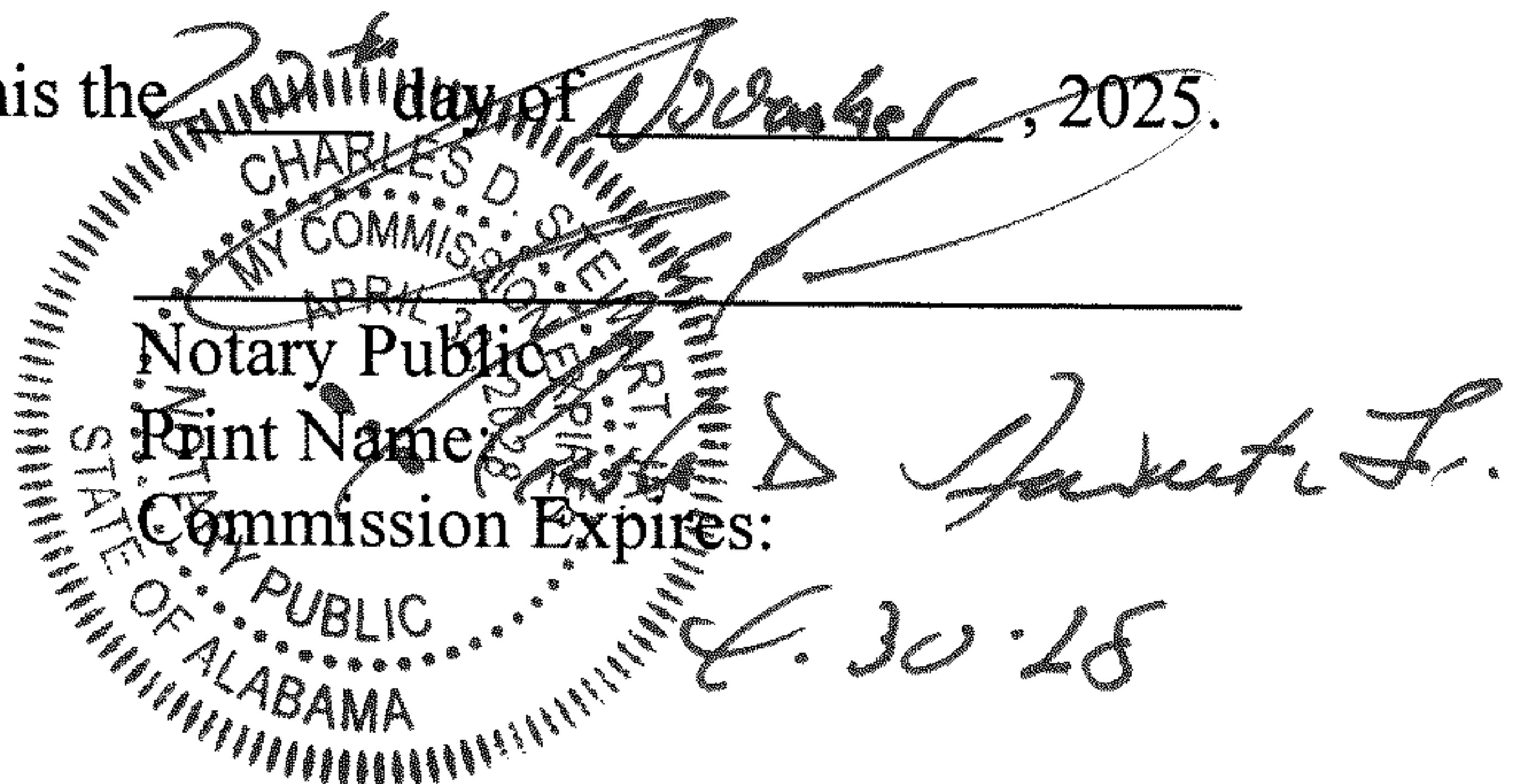


11-20-25
Date

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF SHELBY)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Thomas Hammock, whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of said instrument, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this the 20th day of November, 2025.



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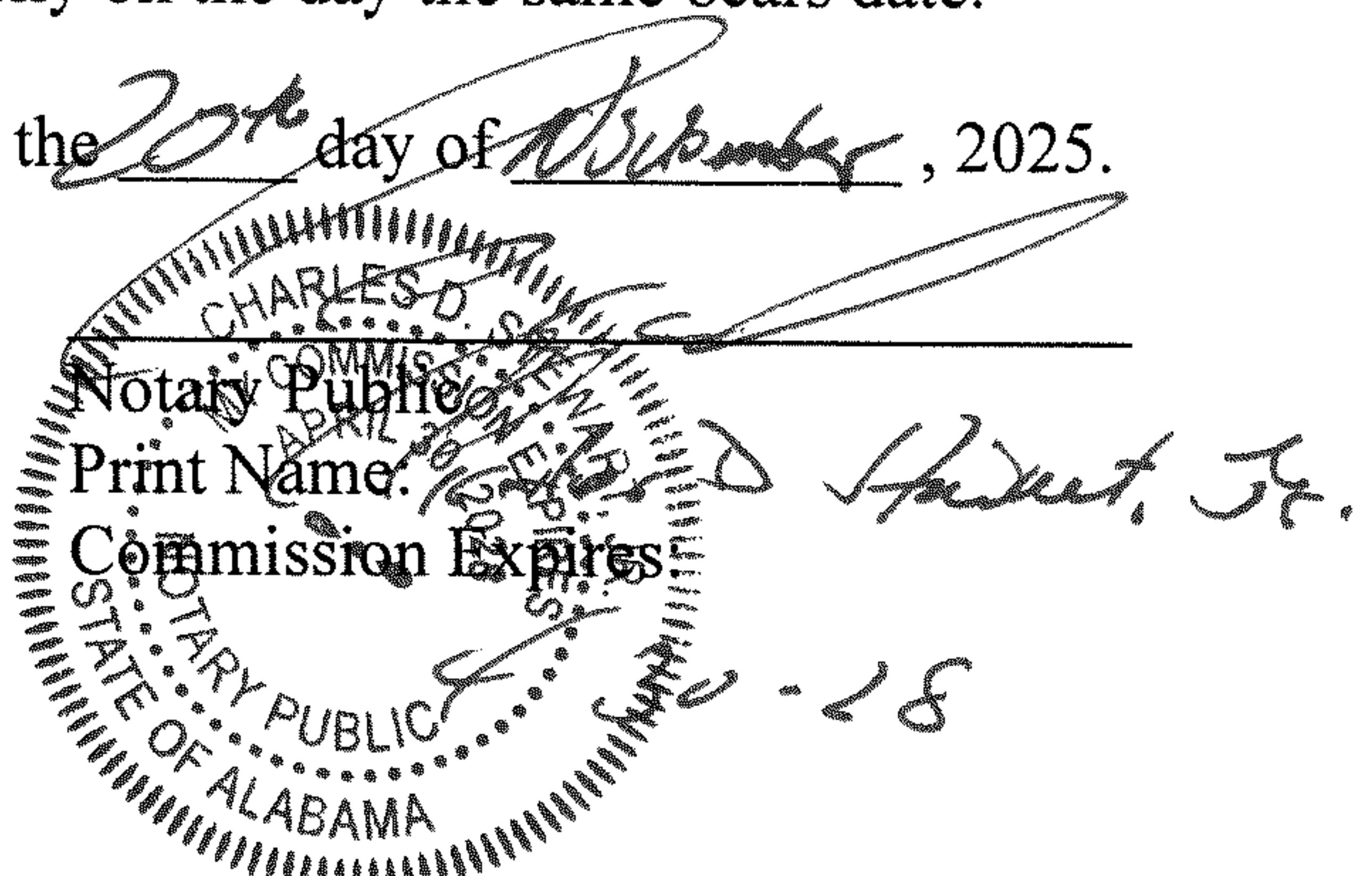


EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Lot 49, according to the Survey of Greystone, 7th Sector, Phase I, as recorded in Map Book 18, page 120 A, B, and C, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama.

Together with the Nonexclusive Easement to use the private roadways, common areas and Hugh Daniel Drive, all as more particularly described in The Greystone Residential Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions dated November 6, 1990 and recorded in Real 317, page 260, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, and all amendments thereto.



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