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Certificate of Exemption



Report Mortgage Fraud  
844-768-1713

The property identified as: **PIN: 24-23-409-015-0000**

**Address:**

**Street:** 3346 WEST MERRION LANE

**Street line 2:**

**City:** MERRIONETTE PARK

**State:** IL

**ZIP Code:** 60803

**Lender:** DISCOVER BANK

**Borrower:** JONATHAN W HIGGINS

**Loan / Mortgage Amount:** \$52,500.00

This property is located within the program area and the transaction is exempt from the requirements of 765 ILCS 77/70 et seq. because the application was taken by an exempt entity or person.

**Certificate number:** E402FA06-7771-4D2C-9018-11E4B17788B1

**Execution date:** 8/27/2022

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After Recording Return To:  
**Discover Fulfillment Center**  
 6000 Freedom Square, Suite 300

**Independence, OH 44131**  
**1-800-973-5054**

Prepared By: Rene Gordon

**Discover Bank**  
**502 E. Market St.**  
**Greenwood, DE 19950**

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DOC ID #:

**MORTGAGE**

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**Higgins**  
 Loan #: 1011802527  
 PIN: 24-23-409-015-0000

THIS MORTGAGE is made this 27th day of August, 2022, between the Mortgagor, **JONATHAN W. HIGGINS AND MICHELLE M. HIGGINS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS TENANCY BY ENTIRETY** (herein "Borrower"), and the Mortgagee, **Discover Bank**, organized and existing under the laws of **Delaware**, whose address is **502 E. Market St., Greenwood, DE 19950** (herein "Lender").

WHEREAS, Borrower is indebted to Lender in the principal sum of U.S. **\$52,500.00**, which indebtedness is evidenced by Borrower's note dated **August 27, 2022** and extensions and renewals thereof (herein "Note"), providing for monthly installments of principal and interest at the rate of **10.990%**, with the balance of indebtedness, if not sooner paid, due and payable on **September 1, 2052**;

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 **Cook**, State of **Illinois**:

**THE FOLLOWING LANDS AND PROPERTY, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON, LYING IN COOK COUNTY, IL TO WIT:**

**LOT 6, IN MERRIONETTE PARK SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. SUBJECT TO: (B) BUILDING LINES AND BUILDING LAWS AND ORDINANCES, USE OR OCCUPANCY RESTRICTIONS, CONDITIONS AND COVENANTS OF RECORD, (C) ZONING LAWS AND ORDINANCES WHICH CONFORM TO THE PRESENT USAGE OF THE PREMISES; (D) PUBLIC AND UTILITY EASEMENTS WHICH SERVE THE PREMISES; (E) PUBLIC ROADS AND HIGHWAYS, IF ANY; (F) PARTY WALL RIGHTS AND AGREEMENTS, IF ANY, AND (G) LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT AND CONDOMINIUM DECLARATION, IF APPLICABLE.**

**THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JONATHAN W. HIGGINS AND MICHELLE M. HIGGINS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS TENANCY BY ENTIRETY, DATED 07/09/2020 AND RECORDED ON**

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10/02/2020 IN INSTRUMENT NO. 2027607116, IN THE COOK COUNTY RECORDERS OFFICE.

PARCEL NO. 24-23-409-015-0000

Parcel ID #: 24-23-409-015-0000

which has the address of 3346 West Merrion Lane, Merrionette Park, Illinois 60803 (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."

Borrower covenants that Borrower is lawfully seised 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 and late charges as provided in the Note.

**2. Funds for Taxes and Insurance.** Subject to applicable law or a written waiver by Lender, Borrower shall pay to Lender on the day monthly payments of principal and interest are payable under the Note, until the Note is paid in full, a sum (herein "Funds") equal to one-twelfth of the yearly taxes and assessments (including condominium and planned unit development assessments, if any) which may attain priority over this Mortgage and ground rents on the Property, if any, plus one-twelfth of yearly premium installments for hazard insurance, plus one-twelfth of yearly premium installments for mortgage insurance, if any, all as reasonably estimated initially and from time to time by Lender on the basis of assessments and bills and reasonable estimates thereof. Borrower shall not be obligated to make such payments of Funds to Lender to the extent that Borrower makes such payments to the holder of a prior mortgage or deed of trust if such holder is an institutional lender.

If Borrower pays Funds to Lender, the Funds shall be held in an institution the deposits or accounts of which are insured or guaranteed by a federal or state agency (including Lender if Lender is such an institution). Lender shall apply the Funds to pay said taxes, assessments, insurance premiums and ground rents. Lender may not charge for so holding and applying the Funds, analyzing said account or verifying and comparing said assessments and bills, unless Lender pays Borrower interest on the Funds and applicable law permits Lender to make such a charge. Borrower and Lender may agree in writing at the time of execution of this Mortgage that interest on the Funds shall be paid to Borrower, and unless such agreement is made or applicable law requires such interest to be paid, Lender shall not be required to pay Borrower any interest or earnings on the Funds. Lender shall give to Borrower, without charge, an annual accounting of the Funds showing credits and debits to the Funds and the purpose for which each debit to the Funds was made. The Funds are pledged as additional security for the sums secured by this Mortgage.

If the amount of the Funds held by Lender, together with the future monthly installments of Funds payable prior to the due dates of taxes, assessments, insurance premiums and ground rents, shall exceed the amount required to pay said taxes, assessments, insurance premiums and ground rents as they fall due, such excess shall be, at Borrower's option, either promptly repaid to Borrower or credited to Borrower on monthly installments of Funds. If the amount of the Funds held by Lender shall not be sufficient to pay taxes, assessments, insurance premiums and ground rents as they fall due, Borrower shall pay to Lender any amount necessary to make up the deficiency in one or more payments as Lender may require.

Upon payment in full of all sums secured by this Mortgage, Lender shall promptly refund to Borrower any Funds held by Lender. If under paragraph 17 hereof the Property is sold or the Property is otherwise acquired by Lender, Lender shall apply, no later than immediately prior to the sale of the Property or its acquisition by Lender, any Funds held by Lender at the time of application as a credit against the sums secured by this Mortgage.

**3. Application of Payments.** Unless applicable law provides otherwise, all payments received by Lender under the Note and paragraphs 1 and 2 hereof shall be applied by Lender first in payment of amounts payable to Lender by Borrower for interest payable on the Note, then to the principal of the Note, and then to amounts under paragraph 2 hereof, if any.

If Lender receives a payment from Borrower for a delinquent periodic payment which includes a sufficient amount to pay any late charge due, the payment may be applied to the delinquent payment and the late charge. If more than one periodic payment is outstanding, Lender may apply any payment received from Borrower to the repayment of the periodic payments if, and to the extent that, each payment can be paid in full. To the extent that any excess exists after the payment is applied to the

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full payment of one or more periodic payments, such excess may be applied to any late charges due. Voluntary prepayments shall be applied first to any prepayment charges and then as described in the Note.

Any application of payments, insurance proceeds, or miscellaneous proceeds to principal due under the Note shall not extend or postpone the due date, or change the amount, of the periodic payments.

**4. 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.

**5. 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.

**6. 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.

**7. 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 action as is necessary to protect Lender's interest. If Lender required mortgage insurance as a condition of making the loan secured by this Mortgage, Borrower shall pay the premiums required to maintain such insurance in effect until such time as the requirement for such insurance terminates in accordance with Borrower's and Lender's written agreement or applicable law.

Any amounts disbursed by Lender pursuant to this paragraph 7, 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 7 shall require Lender to incur any expense or take any action hereunder.

**8. 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.

**9. 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.

**10. Borrower Not Released; Forbearance By Lender Not a Waiver.** Extension of the time for payment or modification of amortization of the sums secured by this Mortgage granted by Lender to any successor in interest of Borrower shall not operate to release, in any manner, the liability of the original Borrower and Borrower's successors in interest. Lender shall not be required to commence proceedings against such successor or refuse to extend time for payment or otherwise modify amortization of the sums secured by this Mortgage by reason of any demand made by the original Borrower and

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Borrower's successors in interest. 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.

**11. 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 16 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.

**12. 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 at the Property Address or at such other address as Borrower may designate by notice to Lender as provided herein, 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.

**13. 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 conflict 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.

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

**15. 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.

**16. Transfer of the Property or a Beneficial Interest in Borrower.** 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 its option, require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Mortgage. 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. The notice shall provide a period of not less than 30 days from the date the notice is delivered or mailed within which Borrower must pay all sums secured by this Mortgage. If Borrower fails to pay 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.

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

**17. Acceleration; Remedies.** Except as provided in paragraph 16 hereof, upon Borrower's breach of any covenant or agreement of Borrower in this Mortgage, including the covenants to pay when due any sums secured by this Mortgage, Lender prior to acceleration shall give notice to Borrower as provided in paragraph 12 hereof specifying: (1) the breach; (2) the action required to cure such breach; (3) a date, not less than 30 days from the date the notice is mailed to Borrower, by which such breach must be cured; and (4) that failure to cure such breach on or before the date specified in the notice may result in acceleration of the sums secured by this Mortgage, foreclosure by judicial proceeding, and sale of the Property. The notice shall further inform Borrower of the right to reinstate after acceleration and the right to assert in the foreclosure proceeding the nonexistence of a default or any other defense of Borrower to acceleration and foreclosure. If the breach is not cured on or before the date specified in the notice, Lender, at Lender's option, may declare all of the sums secured by this Mortgage to be immediately due and payable without further demand and may foreclose this Mortgage by judicial proceeding. Lender shall be entitled to collect in such proceeding all expenses of foreclosure, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of documentary evidence, abstracts and title reports.

**18. Borrower's Right to Reinstate.** Notwithstanding Lender's acceleration of the sums secured by this Mortgage due

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to Borrower's breach, Borrower shall have the right to have any proceedings begun by Lender to enforce this Mortgage discontinued at any time prior to entry of a judgment enforcing this Mortgage if: (a) Borrower pays Lender all sums which would be then due under this Mortgage and the Note had no acceleration occurred; (b) Borrower cures all breaches of any other covenants or agreements of Borrower contained in this Mortgage; (c) Borrower pays all reasonable expenses incurred by Lender in enforcing the covenants and agreements of Borrower contained in this Mortgage, and in enforcing Lender's remedies as provided in paragraph 17 hereof, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees; and (d) Borrower takes such action as Lender may reasonably require to assure that the lien of this Mortgage, Lender's interest in the Property and Borrower's obligation to pay the sums secured by this Mortgage shall continue unimpaired. Upon such payment and cure by Borrower, this Mortgage and the obligations secured hereby shall remain in full force and effect as if no acceleration had occurred.

**19. 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 17 hereof or abandonment of the Property, have the right to collect and retain such rents as they become due and payable.

Upon acceleration under paragraph 17 hereof or abandonment of the Property, Lender shall be entitled to have a receiver appointed by a court to enter upon, take possession of and manage the Property and to collect the rents of the Property including those past due. All rents collected by the receiver shall be applied first to payment of the costs of management of the Property and collection of rents, including, but not limited to, receiver's fees, premiums on receiver's bonds and reasonable attorneys' fees, and then to the sums secured by this Mortgage. The receiver shall be liable to account only for those rents actually received.

**20. Release.** Upon payment of all sums secured by this Mortgage, Lender shall release this Mortgage without charge to Borrower. Borrower shall pay all costs of recordation, if any. 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.

**21. Waiver of Homestead.** In accordance with Illinois law, the Borrower hereby releases and waives all rights under and by virtue of the Illinois homestead exemption laws.

**22. Placement of Collateral Protection Insurance.** Unless Borrower provides Lender with evidence of the insurance coverage required by Borrower's agreement with Lender, Lender may purchase insurance at Borrower's expense to protect Lender's interests in Borrower's collateral. This insurance may, but need not, protect Borrower's interests. The coverage that Lender purchases may not pay any claim that Borrower makes or any claim that is made against Borrower in connection with the collateral. Borrower may later cancel any insurance purchased by Lender, but only after providing Lender with evidence that Borrower has obtained insurance as required by Borrower's and Lender's agreement. If Lender purchases insurance for the collateral, Borrower will be responsible for the costs of that insurance, including interest and any other charges Lender may impose in connection with the placement of the insurance, until the effective date of the cancellation or expiration of the insurance. The costs of the insurance may be added to Borrower's total outstanding balance or obligation. The costs of the insurance may be more than the cost of insurance Borrower may be able to obtain on its own.

The Following Rider(s) are to be executed by Borrower and are attached hereto and made a part thereof [check box as applicable]:

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|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adjustable Rate Rider | <input type="checkbox"/> Condominium Rider                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Second Home Rider      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balloon Rider         | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development Rider                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Biweekly Payment Rider |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-4 Family Rider      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other(s) [specify] <b>Fixed Rate Rider</b> |   |

*[Handwritten initials: JM MMLH]*

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Borrower has executed this Mortgage.

Jonathan W Higgins 8/27/22  
- BORROWER - Jonathan W Higgins - DATE -

Michelle M Higgins 8-27-2022  
Michelle M Higgins - DATE -

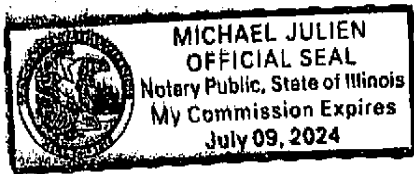
(Sign Original Only)

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF COOK

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this August 27, 2022 by

Jonathan W Higgins, Michelle M. Higgins



[Signature]  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 7-9-2024

Individual Loan Originator: Marybeth Fries, NMLSR ID: 1747081  
Loan Originator Organization: Discover Bank, NMLSR ID: 684042

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## FIXED RATE RIDER

Higgins  
Loan #: 1011802527

THIS FIXED RATE RIDER is made this 27th day of August, 2022, and is incorporated into and shall be deemed to amend and supplement the Mortgage, Deed of Trust, or Security Deed (the "Security Instrument") of the same date given by the undersigned ("Borrower") to secure Borrower's Note (the "Note") to Discover Bank ("Lender") of the same date and covering the property described in the Security Instrument and located at:

3346 West Merrion Lane, Merrionette Park, IL 60803  
(Property Address)

**ADDITIONAL COVENANTS.** In addition to the covenants and agreements made in the Security Instrument, Borrower and Lender further covenant and agree as follows:

Borrower owes Lender the principal sum of **Fifty-Two Thousand Five Hundred And 00/100** Dollars (U.S. \$52,500.00) at the rate of **10.990%**.

BY SIGNING BELOW, Borrower accepts and agrees to the terms and covenants contained in this Fixed Interest Rate Rider.

Jonathan W Higgins 8/27/22  
- BORROWER - Jonathan W Higgins - DATE -

Michelle M Higgins 8-27-2022  
Michelle M Higgins - DATE -