

RELEASE AND DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: In consideration of the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, the undersigned, the present, owner and holder thereof does hereby fully release and discharge that certain Mortgage dated JANUARY 17, 1996 in the sum of \$9,000.00 executed by JUANITA PAYNE as Mortgagor(s) to H.C.P. SALES INC., assigned to EMPIRE FUNDING CORP. recorded on April 17, 1996 in Document 96-287543, of the Real Property Records of COOK County, State of ILLINOIS, covering the following described tract or parcel of real estate lying and being situated in said county, to-wit:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned as Owner and Holder of said Mortgage has caused the RELEASE and DISCHARGE of the same to be executed October 20, 1997.

Dated: October 20, 1997

EMPIRE FUNDING CORP.

By: [Signature]
LISA CATHEY (Name)
ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT (Title)

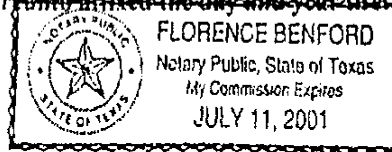
By: [Signature]
SHERRY SPELL (Name)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY (Title)

STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF TRAVIS)



On October 20, 1997, before me FLORENCE BENFORD, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said state, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared LISA CATHEY and SHERRY SPELL to me known to be the ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT and ASSISTANT SECRETARY respectively, of EMPIRE FUNDING CORP., the corporation that executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and on oath stated that THEY authorized to execute the said instrument and that the seal is affixed is the corporate seal of said corporation.

Witness my hand and official seal hereunto affixed the day and year first above written.



[Signature]
FLORENCE BENFORD, Notary Public

Prepared by: Empire Funding Corp., 9737 Great Hills Trail, Austin, Texas 78759 Florence Benford

S-YES
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M-YES

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LOTS 22 AND 23 IN STEWART, A SUBDIVISION OF THAT PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 AND THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTH EAST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN LYING NORTH OF THE SOUTH 595 FEET THEREOF AND WEST LINE OF THE NEW YORK CENTRAL AND ST. LOUIS RAILROAD COMPANY'S RIGHT OF WAY IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PIN#25-02-415-022

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