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THIS MORTGAGE ("Security Instrument") is given on October 8, 1999  
The mortgagor is Doris Knott, A WIDOW, NOT SINCE REMARRIED

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("Borrower"). This Security Instrument is given to

EquiFirst Corporation which is organized and existing under the laws of North Carolina, and whose address is

820 Forest Point Circle  
Charlotte, NC 28273

("Lender"). Borrower owes Lender the principal sum of

Sixty-Four Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100  
Dollars (U.S. \$ 64,500)

This debt is evidenced by Borrower's note dated the same date as this Security Instrument ("Note"), which provides for monthly payments, with the full debt, if not paid earlier, due and payable on October 14, 2029. 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; (b) the payment of all other sums, with interest, advanced under paragraph 7 to protect the security of this Security Instrument; and (c) the performance of Borrower's covenants and agreements under this Security Instrument and the Note. For this purpose, Borrower does hereby mortgage, grant and convey to Lender the following described property located in

Cook County, Illinois:

See Attached

which has the address of 14742 Lincoln Avenue  
[Street]  
Illinois 60426 ("Property Address");  
[Zip Code]

Harvey  
[City]

TOGETHER WITH all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, 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 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 warrants 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 and Lender covenant and agree as follows:

**1. Payment of Principal and Interest; Prepayment and Late Charges.** Borrower shall promptly pay when due the principal of and interest on the debt evidenced by the Note and any prepayment and late charges due under the Note.

**2. Funds for Taxes and Insurance.** Subject to applicable law or to a written waiver by Lender, Borrower shall pay to Lender on the day monthly payments are due under the Note, until the Note is paid in full, a sum ("Funds") for: (a) yearly taxes and assessments which may attain priority over this Security Instrument as a lien on the Property; (b) yearly leasehold payments or ground rents on the Property, if any; (c) yearly hazard or property insurance premiums; (d) yearly flood insurance premiums, if any; (e) yearly mortgage insurance premiums, if any; and (f) any sums payable by Borrower to Lender, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 8, in lieu of the payment of mortgage insurance premiums. These items are called "Escrow Items." Lender may, at any time, collect and hold Funds in an amount not to exceed the maximum amount a lender for a federally related mortgage loan may require for Borrower's escrow account under the federal Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 as amended from time to time, 12 U.S.C. § 2601 *et seq.* ("RESPA"), unless another law that applies to the Funds sets a lesser amount. Lender may estimate the amount of Funds due on the basis of current data and reasonable estimates of expenditures of future Escrow Items or otherwise in accordance with applicable law.

The Funds shall be held in a institution whose deposits are insured by a federal agency, instrumentality, or entity (including Lender, if Lender is such an institution) or in any Federal Home Loan Bank. Lender shall apply the Funds to pay the Escrow Items. Lender may not charge Borrower for holding and applying the Funds, annually analyzing the escrow account, or verifying the Escrow Items, unless Lender pays Borrower interest on the Funds and applicable law permits Lender to make such a charge. However, Lender may require Borrower to pay a one-time charge for an independent real estate tax reporting service used by Lender in connection with this loan, unless applicable law provides otherwise. Unless an agreement is made or applicable law requires interest to be paid, Lender shall not be required to pay Borrower any interest or earnings on the Funds. Borrower and Lender agree in writing, however, that interest shall be paid on the Funds. Lender shall give to Borrower, without charge, an annual accounting of the Fund, 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 all sums secured by this Security Instrument.

If the Funds held by Lender exceed the amounts permitted to be held by applicable law, Lender shall account to Borrower for the excess Funds in accordance with the requirements of applicable law. If the amount of the Funds held by Lender at any time is not sufficient to pay the Escrow Items when due, Lender may so notify Borrower in writing, and, in such case Borrower shall pay to Lender the amount necessary to make up the deficiency. Borrower shall make up the deficiency in no more than twelve monthly payments, at Lender's sole discretion.

Upon payment in full of all sums secured by this Security Instrument, Lender shall promptly refund to Borrower any Funds held by Lender. If, under paragraph 21, Lender shall acquire or sell the Property, Lender, prior to the acquisition or sale of the Property, shall apply any Funds held by Lender at the time of acquisition or sale as a credit against the sums secured by this Security Instrument.

**3. Application of Payments.** Unless applicable law provides otherwise, all payments received by Lender under paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be applied: first, to any prepayment charges due under the Note; second, to amounts payable under paragraph 2; third, to interest due; fourth, to principal due; and last, to any late charges due under the Note.

**4. Charges; Liens.** Borrower shall pay all taxes, assessments, charges, fines and impositions attributable to the Property which may attain priority over this Security Instrument, and leasehold payments or ground rents, if any. Borrower shall pay these obligations in the manner provided in paragraph 2, or if not paid in that manner, Borrower shall pay them on time directly to the person owed payment. Borrower shall promptly furnish to Lender all notices of amounts to be paid under this paragraph. If Borrower makes these payments directly, Borrower shall promptly furnish to Lender receipts evidencing the payments.

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 (c) secures from the holder of the lien an agreement satisfactory to Lender subordinating the lien to 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 10 days of the giving of notice.

**5. Hazard or Property 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 any other hazards, including floods or flooding, for which Lender requires insurance. This insurance shall be maintained in the amounts and

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for the periods that Lender requires. The insurance carrier providing the insurance shall be chosen by Borrower subject to Lender's approval which shall not be unreasonably withheld. If Borrower fails to maintain coverage described above, Lender may, at Lender's option, obtain coverage to protect Lender's rights in the Property in accordance with paragraph 7.

All insurance policies and renewals shall be acceptable to Lender and shall include a standard mortgage clause. Lender shall have the right to hold the policies and renewals. If Lender requires, Borrower shall promptly give to Lender all receipts of paid premiums and renewal notices. 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.

Unless Lender and Borrower otherwise agree in writing, insurance proceeds shall be applied to restoration or repair of the Property damaged, 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 to the sums secured by this Security Instrument, whether or not then due, with any excess paid to Borrower. If Borrower abandons the Property, or does not answer within 30 days a notice from Lender that the insurance carrier has offered to settle a claim, then Lender may collect the insurance proceeds. Lender may use the proceeds to repair or restore the Property or to pay sums secured by this Security Instrument, whether or not then due. The 30-day period will begin when the notice is given.

Unless Lender and Borrower otherwise agree in writing, any application of proceeds to principal shall not extend or postpone the due date of the monthly payments referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 or change the amount of the payments. If under paragraph 21 the Property is acquired by Lender, Borrower's right to any insurance policies and proceeds resulting from damage to the Property prior to the acquisition shall pass to Lender to the extent of the sums secured by this Security Instrument immediately prior to the acquisition.

**6. 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 within sixty days after the execution of this Security Instrument and shall continue to occupy the Property as Borrower's principal residence for at least one year after the date of occupancy, unless Lender otherwise agrees in writing, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, or unless extenuating circumstances exist which are beyond Borrower's control. Borrower shall not destroy, damage or impair the Property, allow the Property to deteriorate, or commit waste on the Property. Borrower shall be in default if any forfeiture action or proceeding, whether civil or criminal, is begun that in Lender's good faith judgment could result in forfeiture of the Property or otherwise materially impair the lien created by this Security Instrument or Lender's security interest. Borrower may cure such a default and reinstate, as provided in paragraph 18, by causing the action or proceeding to be dismissed with a ruling that, in Lender's good faith determination, precludes forfeiture of the Borrower's interest in the Property or other material impairment of the lien created by this Security Instrument or Lender's security interest. 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 all the provisions of the lease. If Borrower acquires fee title to the Property, the leasehold and the fee title shall not merge unless Lender agrees to the merger in writing.

**7. Protection of Lender's Rights in the Property.** If Borrower fails to perform the 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, probate, for condemnation or forfeiture or to enforce laws or regulations), then Lender may do and pay for whatever is necessary to protect the value of the Property and Lender's rights in the Property. Lender's actions may include paying any sums secured by a lien which has priority over this Security Instrument, appearing in court, paying reasonable attorneys' fees and entering on the Property to make repairs. Although Lender may take action under this paragraph 7, Lender does not have to do so.

Any amounts disbursed by Lender under this paragraph 7 shall become additional debt of Borrower secured by this Security Instrument. Unless Borrower and Lender agree to other terms of payment, these amounts shall bear interest from the date of disbursement at the Note rate and shall be payable, with interest, upon notice from Lender to Borrower requesting payment.

**8. Mortgage Insurance.** If Lender required mortgage insurance as a condition of making the loan secured by this Security Instrument, Borrower shall pay the premiums required to maintain the mortgage insurance in effect. If, for any reason, the mortgage insurance coverage required by Lender lapses or ceases to be in effect, Borrower shall pay the premiums required to obtain coverage substantially equivalent to the mortgage insurance previously in effect, at a cost substantially equivalent to the cost to Borrower of the mortgage insurance previously in effect, from an alternate mortgage insurer approved by Lender. If substantially equivalent mortgage insurance coverage is not available, Borrower shall pay to Lender each month a sum equal to one-twelfth of the yearly mortgage insurance premium being paid by Borrower when the insurance coverage lapsed or ceased to be in effect. Lender will accept, use and retain these payments as a loss reserve in lieu of mortgage insurance. Loss reserve payments may no longer be required, at the option of Lender, if mortgage insurance coverage (in the amount and for the period that Lender requires) provided by an insurer approved by Lender again becomes available and is obtained. Borrower shall pay the premiums required to maintain mortgage insurance in effect, or to provide a loss reserve, until the requirement for mortgage insurance ends in accordance with any written agreement between Borrower and Lender or applicable law.

**9. Inspection.** Lender or its agent may make reasonable entries upon and inspections of the Property. Lender shall give Borrower notice at the time of or prior to an inspection specifying reasonable cause for the inspection.

enforcement of this Security Instrument discontinued at any time prior to the earlier of: (a) 5 days (or such other period as 18. Borrower's Right to Reinstate. If Borrower meets certain conditions, Borrower shall have the right to have remedies permitted by this Security Instrument without further notice or demand on Borrower.

Security Instrument. If Borrower fails to pay these sums prior to the expiration of this period, Lender may invoke any not less than 30 days from the date the notice is delivered or mailed within which Borrower must pay all sums secured by this If Lender exercises this option, Lender shall give Borrower notice of acceleration. The notice shall provide a period of the date of this Security Instrument.

this Security Instrument. However, this option shall not be exercised by Lender if exercise is prohibited by federal law as of without Lender's prior written consent, Lender may, at its option, require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by it is sold or transferred (or if a beneficial interest in Borrower is sold or transferred and Borrower is not a natural person) 17. 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) 16. Borrower's Copy. Borrower shall be given one conformed copy of the Note and of this Security Instrument.

declared to be severable.

be given effect without the conflicting provision. To this end the provisions of this Security Instrument and the Note are conflicts with applicable law, such conflict shall not affect other provisions of this Security Instrument or the Note which can jurisdiction in which the Property is located. In the event that any provision or clause of this Security Instrument or the Note 15. Governing Law; Severability. This Security Instrument shall be governed by federal law and the law of the this Security Instrument shall be deemed to have been given to Borrower or Lender when given as provided in this paragraph.

to Lender's address stated herein or any other address Borrower designates by notice to Borrower. Any notice provided for in Address or any other address Borrower designates by notice to Lender. Any notice to Lender shall be given by first class mail mailing it by first class mail unless applicable law requires use of another method. The notice shall be directed to the Property 14. Notices. Any notice to Borrower provided for in this Security Instrument shall be given by delivering it or by prepayment charge under the Note.

direct payment to Borrower. If a refund reduces principal, the reduction will be treated as a partial prepayment without any refunded to Borrower. Lender may choose to make this refund by reducing the principal owed under the Note or by making a charge to the permitted limit; and (b) any sums already collected from Borrower which exceeded permitted limits will be with the loan exceed the permitted limits, then: (a) any such loan charge shall be reduced by the amount necessary to reduce charges, and that law is finally interpreted so that the interest or other loan charges collected or to be collected in connection 13. Loan Charges. If the loan secured by this Security Instrument 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 12. Successors and Assigns Bound; Joint and Several Liability; Co-signers. The covenants and agreements of this Security Instrument shall bind and benefit the successors and assigns of Lender and Borrower, subject to the provisions of paragraph 17. Borrower's covenants and agreements shall be joint and several. Any Borrower who co-signs this Security Instrument but does not execute the Note: (a) is co-signing this Security Instrument only to mortgage, grant and convey that Borrower's interest in the Property under the terms of this Security Instrument; (b) is not personally obligated to pay the sums secured by this Security Instrument; and (c) agrees that Lender and any other Borrower may agree to extend, modify, forbear or make any accommodations with regard to the terms of this Security Instrument or the Note without that Borrower's consent.

not be a waiver of or preclude the exercise of any right or remedy.

original Borrower or Borrower's successors in interest. Any forbearance by Lender in exercising any right or remedy shall otherwise modify amortization of the sums secured by this Security Instrument by reason of any demand made by the other than the original Borrower or Borrower's successors in interest. Lender shall not be required to commence proceedings against any successor in interest or refuse to extend time for payment or modification of amortization of the sums secured by this Security Instrument granted by Lender to any successor in interest of Borrower shall not operate to release the liability of the original Borrower or Borrower's successors in interest. Lender 11. Borrower Not Released; Forbearance By Lender Not a Waiver. Extension of the time for payment or postpone the due date of the monthly payments referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 or change the amount of such payments.

Unless Lender and Borrower otherwise agree in writing, any application of proceeds to principal shall not extend or sums secured by this Security Instrument, whether or not then due.

Lender is authorized to collect and apply the proceeds, at its option, either to restoration or repair of the Property or to the an award or settle a claim for damages, Borrower fails to respond to Lender within 30 days after the date the notice is given, If the Property is abandoned by Borrower, or if, after notice by Lender to Borrower that the condempnor offers to make then due.

otherwise provides, the proceeds shall be applied to the sums secured by this Security Instrument whether or not the sums are secured immediately before the taking, unless Borrower and Lender otherwise agree in writing or unless applicable law Property in which the fair market value of the Property immediately before the taking is less than the amount of the sums fraction: (a) the total amount of the sums secured immediately before the taking, divided by (b) the fair market value of the the sums secured by this Security Instrument shall be reduced by the amount of the proceeds multiplied by the following secured by this Security Instrument immediately before the taking, unless Borrower and Lender otherwise agree in writing, which the fair market value of the Property immediately before the taking is equal to or greater than the amount of the sums Instrument, whether or not then due, with any excess paid to Borrower. In the event of a partial taking of the Property in In the event of a total taking of the Property, the proceeds shall be applied to the sums secured by this Security and shall be paid to Lender.

any condemnation or other taking of any part of the Property, or for conveyance in lieu of condemnation, are hereby assigned 10. Condemnation. The proceeds of any award or claim for damages, direct or consequential, in connection with

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applicable law may specify for reinstatement) before sale of the Property pursuant to any power of sale contained in this Security Instrument; or (b) entry of a judgment enforcing this Security Instrument. Those conditions are that Borrower: (a) pays Lender all sums which then would be due under this Security Instrument and the Note as if no acceleration had occurred; (b) cures any default of any other covenants or agreements; (c) pays all expenses incurred in enforcing this Security Instrument, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees; and (d) takes such action as Lender may reasonably require to assure that the lien of this Security Instrument, Lender's rights in the Property and Borrower's obligation to pay the sums secured by this Security Instrument shall continue unchanged. Upon reinstatement by Borrower, this Security Instrument and the obligations secured hereby shall remain fully effective as if no acceleration had occurred. However, this right to reinstate shall not apply in the case of acceleration under paragraph 17.

**19. Sale of Note; Change of Loan Servicer.** The Note or a partial interest in the Note (together with this Security Instrument) may be sold one or more times without prior notice to Borrower. A sale may result in a change in the entity (known as the "Loan Servicer") that collects monthly payments due under the Note and this Security Instrument. There also may be one or more changes of the Loan Servicer unrelated to a sale of the Note. If there is a change of the Loan Servicer, Borrower will be given written notice of the change in accordance with paragraph 14 above and applicable law. The notice will state the name and address of the new Loan Servicer and the address to which payments should be made. The notice will also contain any other information required by applicable law.

**20. 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 20, "Hazardous Substance" 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 20, "Environmental Law" means federal laws and laws of the jurisdiction where the Property is located that relate to health, safety or environmental protection.

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

**21. Acceleration; Remedies.** Lender shall give notice to Borrower prior to acceleration following Borrower's breach of any covenant or agreement in this Security Instrument (but not prior to acceleration under paragraph 17 unless applicable law provides otherwise). The notice shall specify: (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, 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 non-existence of a default or any other defense of Borrower to acceleration and foreclosure. 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 foreclose this Security Instrument by judicial proceeding. Lender shall be entitled to collect all expenses incurred in pursuing the remedies provided in this paragraph 21, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of title evidence.

**22. Release.** Upon payment of all sums secured by this Security Instrument, Lender shall release this Security Instrument without charge to Borrower. Borrower shall pay any recordation costs.

**23. Waiver of Homestead.** Borrower waives all right of homestead exemption in the Property.

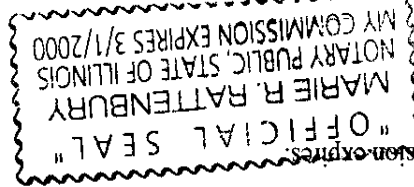
820 Forest Point Circle  
Charlotte, NC 28273

[Address]

[Name]

Patrick Gavin

This instrument was prepared by



My Commission expires:

Given under my hand and official seal, this

8th day of 04 1999

forth.

and delivered to the said instruments as subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that signed

, personally known to me to be the same person(s) whose name(s) is

Doris Knott, widowed not since remarried

do hereby certify that

a Notary Public in and for said county and state,

County ss:

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

*Marie R. Rattenbury*

Witness:

Witness:

(Seal) -Borrower

(Seal) -Borrower

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Doris Knott

*Doris Knott*

BY SIGNING BELOW, Borrower accepts and agrees to the terms and covenants contained in pages 1 through 6 of this Security Instrument and in any rider(s) executed by Borrower and recorded with it.

- Other(s) [specify] Floor & Prepayment Penalty Rider & Arbitration Rider
- Balloon Rider
- Graduated Payment Rider
- Adjustable Rate Rider
- Rate Improvement Rider
- Planned Unit Development Rider
- Condominium Rider
- Second Home Rider
- Biweekly Payment Rider
- 1-4 Family Rider

[Check applicable box(es)]

24. Riders to This Security Instrument. If one or more riders are executed by Borrower and recorded together with this Security Instrument, the covenants and agreements 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.

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SCHEDULE A  
ALTA Commitment  
File No.: 84792

## LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Lot 26 and the North 10 feet of Lot 27 in Block 177 in Harvey in the South Half of Section 7, Township 36 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.

PIN# 29-07-401-049

Property of Cook County Clerk's Office

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STEWART TITLE COMPANY

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## ARBITRATION RIDER (To Be Recorded Together with Security Instrument)

THIS RIDER is made this 8th day of October, 1999 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 (the "Borrower") to secure Borrower's Note (the "Note") to EquiFirst Corporation (the "Lender") of the same date and covering the property described in the Security Instrument and located at:

14742 Lincoln Avenue, Harvey, IL 60426  
(Property Address)

As used in this Rider, the term "Lender" includes Lender's successors and assigns and the company servicing the Note on Lender's behalf.

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

**ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES.** Any claim, dispute, or controversy (whether in contract, tort, or otherwise) arising from or related to the loan evidenced by the Note, including but not limited to all statutory claims, any claim, dispute or controversy that may arise out of or is based on the relationships which result from the Borrower's application to the lender for the loan, the closing of the loan, or the servicing of the loan, or any dispute or controversy over the applicability or enforceability of this arbitration agreement or the entire agreement between Borrower and Lender (collectively "claim"), shall be resolved, upon the election of either Borrower or Lender, by binding arbitration, and not by court action, except as provided under "Exclusions from Arbitration" below.

This arbitration agreement is made pursuant to a transaction involving interstate commerce, and shall be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. Sections 1-16) and the Code of Procedure of the National Arbitration Forum in effect at the time a claim is filed. Copies of the arbitration rules and forms can be obtained and any claims can be filed at any National Arbitration Forum office, at P.O. Box 50191, Minneapolis, MN 55404, on the World Wide Web at [www.arb-forum.com](http://www.arb-forum.com), or by calling (800) 474-2371.

This agreement to arbitrate shall apply no matter by whom or against whom a claim is made. Any election to arbitrate may be made at any time, regardless of whether a lawsuit has been filed or not, and such party making the election may bring a motion in any court having jurisdiction to compel arbitration of any claim, and/or to stay the litigation of any claim pending arbitration. Any participatory arbitration hearing will take place in the federal judicial district of the Borrower's residence, unless a different location is agreed to by Borrower and Lender. At Borrower's request, Lender will advance the first \$150 of the filing and hearing fees for any claim which the Borrower may file against Lender. The arbitrator will decide which party will ultimately be responsible for paying these fees. All claims between the Borrower and Lender shall be arbitrated individually, and shall not be subject to being joined or combined in any proceeding with any claims of any persons, or class of persons other than Borrower or Lender. The arbitrator shall apply relevant law and provide written, reasoned findings of fact and conclusions of law. Judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction.

**EXCLUSIONS FROM ARBITRATION.** This arbitration agreement shall not apply to rights or obligations under the loan documents that allow the Lender to foreclose or otherwise take possession of property securing the loan, including repossession, foreclosure or unlawful detainer. Nor shall it be construed to prevent any party's use of bankruptcy or judicial foreclosure. No provision of this agreement shall limit the right of the Borrower to exercise Borrower's rights under the Uniform Covenant labeled "Borrower's Right to Reinstate". Subject to these limitations, this arbitration agreement will survive the pay-off of the loan.

**SEVERABILITY.** If the arbitrator or any court determines that one or more terms of this arbitration agreement or the arbitration Code are unenforceable, such determination shall not impair or affect the enforceability of the other terms of this arbitration agreement or the arbitration Code.

**NOTICE.** WHEN YOU SIGN THIS ARBITRATION RIDER, YOU ARE AGREEING THAT EVERY DISPUTE DESCRIBED ABOVE MAY BE DECIDED EXCLUSIVELY BY ARBITRATION. YOU ARE GIVING UP RIGHTS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO LITIGATE THOSE CLAIMS AND DISPUTES IN A COURT OR JURY TRIAL OR TO PARTICIPATE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OR MEMBER OF ANY CLASS OF CLAIMANTS IN CONNECTION WITH A CLAIM OR DISPUTE. DISCOVERY IN ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS IS LIMITED IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY THIS AGREEMENT AND THE RULES OF ARBITRATION. THE ARBITRATOR'S DECISION WILL GENERALLY BE FINAL AND BINDING. OTHER RIGHTS THAT YOU WOULD HAVE IF YOU WENT TO COURT MAY ALSO NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ARBITRATION. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ THIS ENTIRE ARBITRATION AGREEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING THIS ARBITRATION RIDER.

BY SIGNING BELOW, Borrower accepts and agrees to the provisions contained in this Rider. **99976126**

*Doris Knott*  
Borrower

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Borrower



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**ADJUSTABLE RATE RIDER to Security Instrument**  
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(To Be Recorded Together with Security Instrument)

THIS ADJUSTABLE RATE RIDER is made this 8th day of October, 1999, 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 (the "Borrower") to secure Borrower's Adjustable Rate Note (the "Note") to EquiFirst Corporation (the "Lender") of the same date and covering the property described in the Security Instrument and located at:

**14742 Lincoln Avenue**  
**Harvey, IL 60426**  
(Property Address)

**THE NOTE CONTAINS PROVISIONS ALLOWING FOR CHANGES IN THE INTEREST RATE AND THE MONTHLY PAYMENT. THE NOTE LIMITS THE AMOUNT THE BORROWER'S INTEREST RATE CAN CHANGE AT ANY ONE TIME AND THE MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM RATE THE BORROWER MUST PAY.**

**ADDITIONAL COVENANTS.**

In addition to the covenants and agreements made in the Security Instrument, Borrower and Lender further covenant and agrees as follows:

**A. INTEREST RATE AND MONTHLY PAYMENT CHANGES**

The Note provides for an initial interest rate of 10.95%. The Note provides for changes in the interest rate and the monthly payments, as follows:

**4. INTEREST RATE AND MONTHLY PAYMENT CHANGES**

**(A) Change Dates**

The interest rate I will pay may change on the 14th day of October, 2002 and on that day every sixth month thereafter. Each date on which my interest rate could change is called a "Change Date".

**(B) The Index**

Beginning with the first Change Date, my interest rate will be based on an Index. The "Index" is the average of interbank offered rates for six-month U.S. dollar-denominated deposits in the London market ("LIBOR"), as published in *The Wall Street Journal*. The most recent Index figure available as of the first business day of the month immediately preceding the month in which the Change Date occurs is called the "Current Index". If the Index is no longer available, the Note Holder will choose a new index that is based upon comparable information. The Note Holder will give me notice of this choice.

**(C) Calculation of Changes**

Before each Change Date, the Note Holder will calculate my new interest rate by adding seven and forty-five one hundredths percentage points (7.45%) to the Current Index. The Note Holder will then round the result of this addition to the nearest one-eighth of one percentage point (0.125%). Subject to the limits stated in Section 4(D) below, this rounded amount will be my new interest rate until the next Change Date. The Note Holder will then determine the amount of the monthly payment that would be sufficient to repay the unpaid principal that I am expected to owe at the Change Date in full on the Maturity Date at my new interest rate in substantially equal payments. The result of this calculation will be the new amount of my monthly payment.

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**(D) Limits on Interest Rate Changes**

The interest rate I am required to pay at the first Change Date will not be greater than 13.90% or less than 10.950%. Thereafter, my interest rate will never be increased or decreased on any single Change Date by more than one percentage point(s) (1.000%) from the rate of interest I have been paying for the preceding six months. My interest rate will never be greater than 16.950% or less than the initial interest rate provided for in Section 2 of this Note.

**(E) Effective Date of Changes**

My new interest rate will become effective on each Change Date. I will pay the amount of my new monthly payment beginning on the first monthly payment date after the Change Date until the amount of my monthly payment changes again.

**(F) Notice of Changes**

The Note Holder will deliver or mail to me a notice of any changes in my interest rate and the amount of my monthly payment before the effective date of any change. The notice will include information required by law to be given me and also the title and telephone number of a person who will answer any question I may have regarding the notice.

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## B. TRANSFER OF THE PROPERTY OR A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN BORROWER

Uniform Covenant 17 of the Security Instrument is amended to read as follows:

### 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 Security Instrument. However, this option shall not be exercised by Lender if exercise is prohibited by federal law as of the date of this Security Instrument. Lender also shall not exercise this option if: (a) Borrower causes to be submitted to Lender information required by Lender to evaluate the intended transferee as if a new loan were being made to the transferee; and (b) Lender reasonably determines that Lender's security will not be impaired by the loan assumption and that the risk of a breach of any covenant or agreement in this Security Instrument is acceptable to Lender.

To the extent permitted by applicable law, Lender may charge a reasonable fee as a condition to Lender's consent to the loan assumption. Lender may also require the transferee to sign an assumption agreement that is acceptable to Lender and that obligates the transferee to keep all the promises and agreements made in the Note and in this Security Instrument. Borrower will continue to be obligated under the Note and this Security Instrument unless Lender releases Borrower in writing.

If Lender exercises the option to require immediate payment in full, 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 Security Instrument. If Borrower fails to pay these sums prior to the expiration of this period, Lender may invoke any remedies permitted by this Security Instrument without further notice or demand on Borrower.

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

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ADJUSTABLE INTEREST RATE FLOOR & PREPAYMENT PENALTY RIDER TO SECURITY INSTRUMENT

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PREPAYMENT PENALTY Rider to Security Instrument

(To Be Recorded Together with Security Instrument)

This ADJUSTABLE INTEREST RATE FLOOR & PREPAYMENT PENALTY RIDER (the "Rider") is made this 8th day of October 1999, and amends the Mortgage, Deed of Trust or Security Deed (the "Security Instrument") dated the same date and given by the person(s) who sign below (the "Borrower(s)") to EquiFirst Corporation (the "Lender") to secure repayment of a Note in the amount of U.S. \$ 64,500.

In addition to the agreements and provisions made in the Note and the Security Instrument, and notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary contained in said Note or the Security Instrument, both the Borrower(s) and the Lender further agree as follows:

ADJUSTABLE INTEREST RATE FLOOR

THIS LOAN HAS AN INTEREST RATE "FLOOR" WHICH WILL LIMIT THE AMOUNT THE INTEREST RATE CAN DECREASE. REGARDLESS OF ANY CHANGE IN THE INDEX, THE INTEREST RATE DURING THE TERM OF THIS LOAN WILL NEVER BE LESS THAN THE INITIAL INTEREST RATE PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 2 OF THE NOTE.

PREPAYMENT PENALTY

IF I PREPAY THIS LOAN IN FULL WITHIN 3 YEAR(S) FROM THE DATE OF THIS LOAN, I AGREE TO PAY A PREPAYMENT PENALTY TO THE NOTE HOLDER. THE AMOUNT OF THE PREPAYMENT PENALTY WILL BE THE AMOUNT EQUAL TO SIX (6) MONTHS INTEREST AT THE INTEREST RATE SHOWN IN SECTION 2 OF THE NOTE ON THE UNPAID PRINCIPAL BALANCE OF THE LOAN OUTSTANDING ON THE DATE OF PREPAYMENT. THIS AMOUNT WILL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER AMOUNTS I MAY OWE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS NOTE OR THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT THAT SECURES THIS NOTE. IF I MAKE THE PREPAYMENT IN FULL ON OR AFTER THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE DATE OF THE NOTE, THE NOTE HOLDER WILL IMPOSE NO PREPAYMENT PENALTY.

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