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**840 NE 6TH ST**

**EARLHAM, IA 50072-1020 US**

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Grantor(s):

**RUSSELL M. DOBBINS AND ELIZA C. DOBBINS, A MARRIED COUPLE, AS JOINT TENANTS  
WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP**

Grantee:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Parcel Number: **850001500020000**

Legal Description:

**SEE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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**MORTGAGE**  
**(Line of Credit)**

**DOBBINS**  
Loan #: **1000162318**  
PIN: **850001500020000**  
MIN: **101369810001623183**  
MERS Phone: **1-888-679-6377**

THIS MORTGAGE, dated **OCTOBER 23, 2024**, is between **RUSSELL M. DOBBINS AND ELIZA C. DOBBINS, A MARRIED COUPLE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP** residing at **840 NE 6TH ST, EARLHAM, IA 50072-1020 US** the person or persons signing as "Mortgagor(s)" below and hereinafter referred to as "we" or "us" and "Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") (solely as nominee for **SPRING EQ, LLC**, (hereinafter "you" or "Lender") and Lender's successors and assigns)," with an address at P.O. Box 2026, Flint, MI 48501-2026, tel. (888) 679-MERS, referred to as the "Mortgagee."

Borrower understands and agrees that MERS holds only legal title to the interests granted by Borrower in this Mortgage; 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 Premises; and to take any action required of Lender including, but not limited to, releasing or canceling this Mortgage.

**MORTGAGED PREMISES:** In consideration of the loan hereinafter described, we hereby 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 premises located at: **840 NE 6TH ST, EARLHAM, MADISON** County, Iowa **50072-1020** (the "Premises") and further described as:

**SEE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

The Premises includes all buildings and other improvements now or in the future on the Premises and all rights and interests which derive from our ownership, use or possession of the Premises and all appurtenances thereto, together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements and fixtures; all streets, lanes, alleys, passages, and ways; all easements, rights of way, all liberties, privileges, tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances thereunto belonging or anywise made appurtenant hereafter, and the reversions and remainders with respect thereto.

**NOTICE:** This mortgage secures credit in the amount of **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND AND 00/100** Dollars. Loans and advances up to this amount, together with interest, are senior to indebtedness to other creditors under subsequently recorded or filed mortgages and liens.

**LOAN:** The Mortgage will secure your loan in the principal amount of **\$126,000.00** or so much thereof as may be advanced and readvanced from time to time to **RUSSELL M. DOBBINS** the Borrower(s) under the Home Equity Line of Credit Agreement and Disclosure Statement (the "Agreement") dated **OCTOBER 23, 2024**, plus interest and costs, late charges and all other charges related to the loan, all of which sums are repayable according to the Agreement, which has a maturity date of **NOVEMBER 1, 2044**. This Mortgage will also secure the performance of all of the promises and agreements made by us and each Borrower and Co-Signer in the Agreement, all of our promises and agreements in this Mortgage, any extensions, renewals, amendments, supplements and other modifications of the Agreement, and any amounts advanced by you under the terms of the section of this Mortgage entitled "Our Authority To You." Loans under the Agreement may be made, repaid and remade from time to time in accordance with the terms of the Agreement and subject to the Credit Limit set forth in the Agreement.

**OWNERSHIP:** We are the sole owner(s) of the Premises. We have the legal right to mortgage the Premises to you.

**MORTGAGOR'S IMPORTANT OBLIGATIONS:**

(a) **TAXES:** We will pay all real estate taxes, assessments, water charges and sewer rents relating to the Premises when they become due. We will not claim any credit on, or make deduction from, the loan under the Agreement because we pay these taxes and charges. We will provide you with proof of payment upon request.

(b) **MAINTENANCE:** We will maintain the building(s) on the Premises in good condition. We will not make major changes in the building(s) except for normal repairs. We will not tear down any of the building(s) on the Premises without first getting your consent. We will not use the Premises illegally. If this Mortgage is on a unit in a condominium or a planned unit development, we shall perform all of our 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.

(c) **INSURANCE:** We will keep the building(s) on the Premises insured at all times against loss by fire, flood and any other hazards you may specify. We may choose the insurance company, but our choice is subject to your reasonable approval. The policies must be for at least the amounts and the time periods that you specify. We will deliver to you upon your request the policies or other proof of the insurance. The policies must name you as "mortgagee" and "loss-payee" so that you will receive payment on all insurance claims, to the extent of your interest under this Mortgage, before we do. The insurance policies must also provide that you be given not less than 10 days prior written notice of any cancellation or reduction in coverage, for any reason. Upon request, we shall deliver the policies, certificates or other evidence of insurance to you. In the event of loss or damage to the Premises, we will immediately notify you in writing and file a proof of loss with the insurer. You may file a proof of loss on our behalf if we fail or refuse to do so. You may also sign our name to any check, draft or other order for the payment of insurance proceeds in the event of loss or damage to the Premises. If you receive payment of a claim, you will have the right to choose to use the money either to repair the Premises or to reduce the amount owing on the Agreement.

(d) **CONDEMNATION:** We assign to you the proceeds of any award or claim for damages, direct or consequential, in connection with any condemnation or other taking of the Premises, or part thereof, or for conveyance in lieu of condemnation, all of which shall be paid to you, subject to the terms of any mortgages that have priority to this Mortgage.

(e) **SECURITY INTEREST:** We will join with you in signing and filing documents and, at our expense, in doing whatever you believe is necessary to perfect and continue the perfection of your lien and security interest in the Premises.

(f) **OUR AUTHORITY TO YOU:** If we fail to perform our obligations under this Mortgage, you may, if you choose, to the extent permitted by applicable law, perform our obligations and pay such costs and expenses. To the extent permitted by applicable law, you will add the amounts you advance to the sums owing on the Agreement,

on which you will charge interest at the interest rate set forth in the Agreement. If, for example, we fail to honor our promises to maintain insurance in effect, or to pay filing fees, taxes or the costs necessary to keep the Premises in good condition and repair or to perform any of our other agreements with you, you may, if you choose, advance any sums to satisfy any of our agreements with you and charge us interest on such advances at the interest rate set forth in the Agreement. This Mortgage secures all such advances. Your payments on our behalf will not cure our failure to perform our promises in this Mortgage. Any replacement insurance that you obtain to cover loss or damages to the Premises may be limited to the amount owing on the Agreement plus the amount of any mortgages that have priority to this Mortgage. In the event you choose to perform our obligations under this Mortgage as provided herein, you will provide us, within a reasonable time, with written notice of such performance, including: the amount of any sums advanced; any charges or fees in connection therewith; any revisions to our payment schedule; and, if the obligations performed related to insurance, a brief description of the insurance paid for including the type(s) and amount(s) of coverage(s).

(g) **HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES:** We shall not cause or permit the presence, use, disposal, storage, or release of any Hazardous Substances on or in the Premises. We shall not do, nor allow anyone else to do, anything affecting the Premises that is in violation of any Environmental Law. The preceding two sentences shall not apply to the presence, use, or storage on the Premises of small quantities of Hazardous Substances that are generally recognized to be appropriate to normal residential uses and to maintenance of the Premises. As used in this paragraph, "Hazardous Substances" 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, "Environmental Law" means federal laws and applicable laws of any jurisdiction where the Premises are located or otherwise covering the Premises that relate to health, safety or environmental protection.

(h) **SALE OF PREMISES:** We will not sell, transfer ownership of, mortgage or otherwise dispose of our interest in the Premises, in whole or in part, or permit any other lien or claim against the Premises without your prior written consent.

(i) **INSPECTION:** We will permit you to inspect the Premises at any reasonable time.

**NO LOSS OF RIGHTS:** The Agreement and this Mortgage may be negotiated or assigned by you without releasing us or the Premises. You may add or release any person or property obligated under the Agreement and this Mortgage without losing your rights in the Premises.

**REMOVAL OF IMPROVEMENTS:** We shall not demolish or remove any improvements from the Premises without your prior written consent. As a condition to the removal of any improvements, you may require us to make arrangements satisfactory to you to replace such improvements with improvements of at least equal value.

**COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENTAL REQUIREMENTS:** We shall promptly comply with all laws, ordinances, and regulations, now or hereafter in effect, of all governmental authorities applicable to the use or occupancy of the Premises. We may contest in good faith any such law, ordinance, or regulation and withhold compliance during any proceeding, including appropriate appeals, so long as we have notified you in writing prior to doing so and so long as, in your sole opinion, your interests in the Premises are not jeopardized. You may require us to post adequate security or a surety bond, reasonably satisfactory to you, to protect your interest.

**DUTY TO PROTECT:** We agree neither to abandon nor leave unattended the Premises. We shall do all other acts set forth above in this section, which from the character and use of the Premises are reasonably necessary to protect and preserve the Premises.

**COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS:** We warrant that the Premises and our use of the Premises complies with all existing applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations of governmental authorities.

**SURVIVAL OF PROMISES:** All promises, agreements and statements we have made in this Mortgage shall survive the execution and delivery of this Mortgage, shall be continuing in nature and shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Agreement is paid in full.

**DEFAULT:** Except as may be prohibited by applicable law, and subject to any notice required by applicable law, if we default on any term in the Agreement and/or of any term of this Mortgage, you may, in accordance with applicable law, pursue and enforce any rights you have under applicable law, including, without limitation, the right to: (i) accelerate all amounts due under the Agreement; (ii) foreclose upon this Mortgage and sell the Premises, either in whole or in part or in separate parcels at different times, if necessary, until the indebtedness due under the Agreement is satisfied or the Premises is exhausted, whichever occurs first; (iii) enter on and take possession of the Premises; (iv) collect the rental payments, including over-due rental payments, directly from tenants, and you are appointed as our agent and attorney-in-fact to collect any such rents by any appropriate proceeding; (v) manage the Premises, including signing, canceling and changing leases; and (vi) seek appointment of a receiver for the Premises and we hereby appoint you as our attorney-in-fact with authority to consent for us to the appointment of a receiver. This means that, among other rights you may pursue and enforce, you may arrange for the Premises to be sold, as provided by law, in order to pay off what we owe under the Agreement and under this Mortgage. If the money you receive from the sale is not enough to pay off what we owe you, we will still owe you the difference which you may seek to collect from us in accordance with applicable law. We agree that the interest rate set forth in the Agreement will continue before and after a default, entry of a judgment and foreclosure. Subject to applicable law, if you acquire the Premises at a forced sale following our default, our right to any insurance proceeds resulting from damage to the Premises prior to the acquisition shall pass to you to the extent of the sums secured by this Mortgage immediately prior to acquisition. In addition, subject to applicable law, you shall be entitled to collect all reasonable fees and costs actually incurred by you or your agents arising out of or related to this Mortgage or the Agreement, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees (as defined in IA ST § 537.2507) and costs of foreclosure, property preservation, documentary evidence, abstracts and title reports.

**REDEMPTION:** We agree that if this Mortgage covers less than ten (10) acres of land, and in the event of the foreclosure of this Mortgage and sale of the Premises by sheriff's sale in such foreclosure proceedings, the time of one year for redemption from said sale provided by the statutes of the State of Iowa shall be reduced to six (6) months provided the Mortgagee, in such action, files an election to waive any deficiency judgment against us which may arise out of the foreclosure proceedings; all to be consistent with the provisions of Chapter 628 of the Iowa Code. If the redemption period is so reduced, for the first three (3) months after sale such right of redemption shall be exclusive to us, and the time periods in Sections 628.5, 628.15, and 628.16 of the Iowa Code shall be reduced to four (4) months.

We further agree that the period of redemption after a foreclosure of this Mortgage shall be reduced to sixty (60) days if all of the three following contingencies develop: (1) The Premises are less than ten (10) acres in size; (2) the Court finds affirmatively that the Premises have been abandoned by the owners and those persons personally liable under this Mortgage at the time of such foreclosure; and (3) Mortgagee in such action files an election to waive any deficiency judgment against us or our successor in interest in such action. If the redemption period is so reduced, we or our successors in interest or the owner shall have the exclusive right to redeem for the first thirty (30) days after such sale, and the time provided for redemption by creditors as provided in Sections 628.5, 628.15, and 628.16 of the Iowa Code shall be reduced to forty (40) days. Entry of appearance by pleading or docket entry by or on behalf of us shall be presumption that the Premises are not abandoned. Any such redemption period shall be consistent with all of the provisions of Chapter 628 of the Iowa Code. This paragraph shall not be construed to limit or otherwise affect any other redemption provisions contained in Chapter 628 of the Iowa Code.

**ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS; APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVER:** As additional security, we assign to you the rents of the Premises. You or a receiver appointed by the courts shall be entitled to enter upon, take possession of and manage the Premises and collect the rents of the Premises including those past due.

WAIVERS: To the extent permitted by applicable law, we waive and release any error or defects in proceedings to enforce this Mortgage and hereby waive the benefit of any present or future laws providing for stay of execution, extension of time, exemption from attachment, levy and sale and homestead exemption.

BINDING EFFECT: Each of us shall be fully responsible for all of the promises and agreements in this Mortgage. Until the Agreement has been paid in full and your obligation to make further advances under the Agreement has been terminated, the provisions of this Mortgage will be binding on us, our legal representatives, our heirs and all future owners of the Premises. This Mortgage is for your benefit and for the benefit of anyone to whom you may assign it. Upon payment in full of all amounts owing to you under the Agreement and this Mortgage, and provided any obligation to make further advances under the Agreement has terminated, this Mortgage and your rights in the Premises shall end.

NOTICE: Except for any notice required under applicable law to be given in another manner, (a) any notice to us provided for in this Mortgage shall be given by delivering it or by mailing such notice by regular first class mail addressed to us at the last address appearing in your records or at such other address as we may designate by notice to you as provided herein, and (b) any notice to you shall be given by certified mail, return receipt requested, to your address at **SPRING EQ, LLC, 1 WEST ELM ST. SUITE 450, CONSHOHOCKEN, PA 19428-4152** or to such other address as you may designate by notice to us. Any notice provided for in this Mortgage shall be deemed to have been given to us or you when given in the manner designated herein.

RELEASE: Upon payment of all sums secured by this Mortgage and provided your obligation to make further advances under the Agreement has terminated, you shall discharge this Mortgage without charge to us, except that we shall pay any fees for recording of a satisfaction of this Mortgage.

GENERAL: You can waive or delay enforcing any of your rights under this Mortgage without losing them. Any waiver by you of any provisions of this Mortgage will not be a waiver of that or any other provision on any other occasion.

RIDERS: The following Riders are to be executed by Borrower [check box as applicable]:

- 1-4 Family Rider
- Condominium Rider
- Second Home Rider
- Planned Unit Development Rider
- Other(s) [specify]

RELEASE OF RIGHTS OF DOWER, HOMESTEAD AND DISTRIBUTIVE SHARE. Each of the undersigned parties hereby relinquishes all rights of dower, homestead and distributive share in and to the Premises and waives all rights of exemption as to any portion of the Premises.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF COPIES OF DEBT INSTRUMENTS. We hereby acknowledge that we have received copies of this Mortgage, the Home Equity Line of Credit Agreement and Disclosure Statement and copies of all other loan documents executed in connection with the loan represented hereby and thereby.

THIS MORTGAGE has been signed by each of us under seal on the date first above written.

 10/23/2024  
 - MORTGAGOR - RUSSELL M. DOBBINS - DATE -

 10/23/2024  
 ELIZABETH C. DOBBINS - DATE -

I UNDERSTAND THAT HOMESTEAD PROPERTY IS IN MANY CASES PROTECTED FROM THE CLAIMS OF CREDITORS AND EXEMPT FROM JUDICIAL SALE; AND THAT BY SIGNING THIS MORTGAGE, I VOLUNTARILY GIVE UP MY RIGHT TO THIS PROTECTION FOR THE PREMISES WITH RESPECT TO CLAIMS BASED UPON THIS MORTGAGE.

Russell M. Dobbins 10/23/2024  
- MORTGAGOR - RUSSELL M. DOBBINS - DATE -

Eliza C. Dobbins 10/23/2024  
ELIZA C. DOBBINS - DATE -

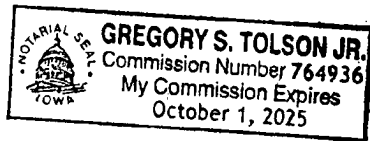
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County of MADISON

This record was acknowledged before me on 10/23/2024 by RUSSELL M. DOBBINS, ELIZA C. DOBBINS.

Gregory S. Tolson Jr.  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 10/01/2025





MORTGAGE  
CONNECT

**Exhibit A**  
**Legal Description**

Lot Two (2) of Cook's Addition to the Town of Earlham, Madison County, Iowa  
Parcel ID: 850001500020000