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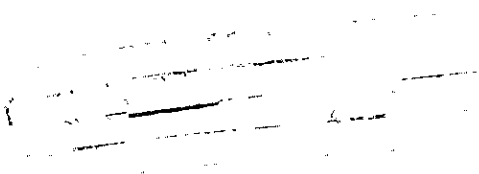
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7900 GLADES RD, SUITE 150  
BOCA RATON, FL 33434

Prepared by:



Title Order No.: CL-303299  
LOAN #: 98-041325

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### MORTGAGE

THIS MORTGAGE ("Security Instrument") is given on **SEPTEMBER 21, 1998**.  
RANDY K WARD AND MELISSA A WARD, HUSBAND AND WIFE

The mortgagor is

("Borrower").

This Security Instrument is given to **NOVASTAR MORTGAGE, INC., A VIRGINIA CORPORATION**

which is organized and

existing under the laws of **THE STATE OF VIRGINIA**  
and whose address is **23046 AVENIDA CARLOTA 3FL, LAGUNA HILLS, CA 92653**

("Lender").

Borrower owes Lender the principal sum of **FORTY SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE AND NO/100**  
\*\*\*\*\*Dollars  
(U.S. **\$46,875.00** ). 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 1, 2028.**

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 **MADISON** County, Iowa:  
**LOT ONE (1) AND THE NORTH 16 1/2 FEET OF LOT TWO (2) IN BLOCK THREE (3) OF ATKINSON'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF TRURO, MADISON COUNTY, IOWA.**  
AP #: **89-00-05-03-0100**

which has the address of **505 S ATKINSON STREET, TRURO**

[Street, City],

Iowa **50257** ("Property Address");

[Zip Code]

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."

ASSIGNED 08-28-00 SEE  
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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.

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

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

If the Property is abandoned by Borrower, or if, after notice by Lender to Borrower that the condemnor offers to make an award or settle a claim for damages, Borrower fails to respond to Lender within 30 days after the date the notice is given, Lender is authorized to collect and apply the proceeds, at its option, either to restoration or repair of the Property or to the sums secured by this Security Instrument, whether or not then due.

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 such payments.

**11. 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 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 shall not be required to commence proceedings against any successor in interest or refuse to extend time for payment or otherwise modify amortization of the sums secured by this Security Instrument by reason of any demand made by the original Borrower or Borrower's successors in interest. Any forbearance by Lender in exercising any right or remedy shall not be a waiver of or preclude the exercise of any right or remedy.

**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.

Initials: *[Signature]*

**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 with the loan exceed the permitted limits, then: (a) any such loan charge shall be reduced by the amount necessary to reduce the charge to the permitted limit; and (b) any sums already collected from Borrower which exceeded permitted limits will be refunded to Borrower. Lender may choose to make this refund by reducing the principal owed under the Note or by making a direct payment to Borrower. If a refund reduces principal, the reduction will be treated as a partial prepayment without any prepayment charge under the Note.

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

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

**16. Borrower's Copy.** Borrower shall be given one conformed copy of the Note and of this Security Instrument.

**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) 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. 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 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.

**18. Borrower's Right to Reinstatement.** If Borrower meets certain conditions, Borrower shall have the right to have enforcement of this Security Instrument discontinued at any time prior to the earlier of: (a) 5 days (or such other period as 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.

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As used in this paragraph 20, "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 20, "Environmental Law" means federal laws and laws of the jurisdiction where the Property is located that relate to health, safety or environmental protection.

**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 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.

**23. Waivers.** Borrower relinquishes all right of dower and waives all right of homestead and distributive share in and to the Property. Borrower waives any right of exemption as to the Property.

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24. **Redemption Period.** If the Property is less than 10 acres in size and Lender waives in any foreclosure proceeding any right to a deficiency judgment against Borrower, the period of redemption from judicial sale shall be reduced to 6 months. If the court finds that the Property has been abandoned by Borrower and Lender waives any right to a deficiency judgment against Borrower, the period of redemption from judicial sale shall be reduced to 60 days. The provisions of this paragraph 24 shall be construed to conform to the provisions of Sections 628.26 and 628.27 of the Code of Iowa.

25. **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.

[Check applicable box(es)]

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adjustable Rate Rider | <input type="checkbox"/> Condominium Rider              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-4 Family Rider |
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BY SIGNING BELOW, Borrower accepts and agrees to the terms and covenants contained in this Security Instrument and in any rider(s) executed by Borrower and recorded with it.

Witnesses:

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*Randy K. Ward* 9.23-98  
 RANDY K. WARD

*Melissa A. Ward* 9.24-98  
 MELISSA A. WARD

Florida  
STATE OF IOWA,

County ss: Orange

On this 24 day of September appeared

before me, a Notary Public in the State of ~~Iowa~~ <sup>FL.</sup> personally

*Randy K. Ward & Melissa A. Ward*

to me personally known to be the person(s) named in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same as their voluntary act and deed.

My Commission Expires: May 1, 2002

*Gwyn E. Maroils*  
 Notary Public in and for said County and State

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**1-4 FAMILY RIDER**  
**Assignment of Rents**

THIS 1-4 FAMILY RIDER is made this 21ST day of SEPTEMBER, 1998 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 to NOVASTAR MORTGAGE, INC., A VIRGINIA CORPORATION

(the "Lender") of the same date and covering the Property described in the Security Instrument and located at:  
505 S ATKINSON STREET  
TRURO, IA 50257

**1-4 FAMILY COVENANTS.** In addition to the covenants and agreements made in the Security Instrument, Borrower and Lender further covenant and agree as follows:

**A. ADDITIONAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT.** In addition to the Property described in the Security Instrument, the following items are added to the Property description, and shall also constitute the Property covered by the Security Instrument: building materials, appliances and goods of every nature whatsoever now or hereafter located in, on, or used, or intended to be used in connection with the Property, including, but not limited to, those for the purposes of supplying or distributing heating, cooling, electricity, gas, water, air and light, fire prevention and extinguishing apparatus, security and access control apparatus, plumbing, bath tubs, water heaters, water closets, sinks, ranges, stoves, refrigerators, dishwashers, disposals, washers, dryers, awnings, storm windows, storm doors, screens, blinds, shades, curtains and curtain rods, attached mirrors, cabinets, paneling and attached floor coverings now or hereafter attached to the Property, all of which, including replacements and additions thereto, shall be deemed to be and remain a part of the Property covered by the Security Instrument. All of the foregoing together with the Property described in the Security Instrument (or the leasehold estate if the Security Instrument is on a leasehold) are referred to in this 1-4 Family Rider and the Security Instrument as the "Property."

**B. USE OF PROPERTY; COMPLIANCE WITH LAW.** Borrower shall not seek, agree to or make a change in the use of the Property or its zoning classification, unless Lender has agreed in writing to the change. Borrower shall comply with all laws, ordinances, regulations and requirements of any governmental body applicable to the Property.

**C. SUBORDINATE LIENS.** Except as permitted by federal law, Borrower shall not allow any lien inferior to the Security Instrument to be perfected against the Property without Lender's prior written permission.

**D. RENT LOSS INSURANCE.** Borrower shall maintain insurance against rent loss in addition to the other hazards for which insurance is required by Uniform Covenant 5.

**E. "BORROWER'S RIGHT TO REINSTATE" DELETED.** Uniform Covenant 18 is deleted.

**F. BORROWER'S OCCUPANCY.** Unless Lender and Borrower otherwise agree in writing, the first sentence in Uniform Covenant 6 concerning Borrower's occupancy of the Property is deleted. All remaining covenants and agreements set forth in Uniform Covenant 6 shall remain in effect.

**G. ASSIGNMENT OF LEASES.** Upon Lender's request, Borrower shall assign to Lender all leases of the Property and all security deposits made in connection with leases of the Property. Upon the assignment, Lender shall have the right to modify, extend or terminate the existing leases and to execute new leases, in Lender's sole discretion. As used in this paragraph G, the word "lease" shall mean "sublease" if the Security Instrument is on a leasehold.

**H. ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS; APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVER; LENDER IN POSSESSION.** Borrower absolutely and unconditionally assigns and transfers to Lender all the rents and revenues ("Rents") of the Property, regardless of to whom the Rents of the Property are payable. Borrower authorizes Lender or Lender's agents to collect the Rents, and agrees that each tenant of the Property shall pay the Rents to Lender or Lender's

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agents. However, Borrower shall receive the Rents until (i) Lender has given Borrower notice of default pursuant to paragraph 21 of the Security Instrument and (ii) Lender has given notice to the tenant(s) that the Rents are to be paid to Lender or Lender's agent. This assignment of Rents constitutes an absolute assignment and not an assignment for additional security only.

If Lender gives notice of breach to Borrower; (i) all Rents received by Borrower shall be held by Borrower as trustee for the benefit of Lender only, to be applied to the sums secured by the Security Instrument; (ii) Lender shall be entitled to collect and receive all of the Rents of the Property; (iii) Borrower agrees that each tenant of the Property shall pay all Rents due and unpaid to Lender or Lender's agents upon Lender's written demand to the tenant; (iv) unless applicable law provides otherwise, all Rents collected by Lender or Lender's agents shall be applied first to the costs of taking control of and managing the Property and collecting the Rents, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees, receiver's fees, premiums on receiver's bonds, repair and maintenance costs, insurance premiums, taxes, assessments and other charges on the Property, and then to the sums secured by the Security Instrument; (v) Lender, Lender's agents or any judicially appointed receiver shall be liable to account for only those Rents actually received; and (vi) Lender shall be entitled to have a receiver appointed to take possession of and manage the Property and collect the Rents and profits derived from the Property without any showing as to the inadequacy of the Property as security.

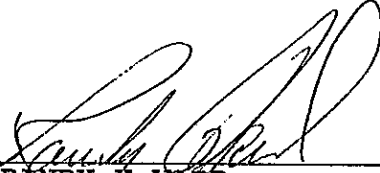
If the Rents of the Property are not sufficient to cover the costs of taking control of and managing the Property and of collecting the Rents any funds expended by Lender for such purposes shall become indebtedness of Borrower to Lender secured by the Security Instrument pursuant to Uniform Covenant 7.


Borrower represents and warrants that Borrower has not executed any prior assignment of the Rents and has not and will not perform any act that would prevent Lender from exercising its rights under this paragraph.

Lender, or Lender's agents or a judicially appointed receiver, shall not be required to enter upon, take control of or maintain the Property before or after giving notice of default to Borrower. However, Lender or Lender's agents or a judicially appointed receiver, may do so at any time when a default occurs. Any application of Rents shall not cure or waive any default or invalidate any other right or remedy of Lender. This assignment of Rents of the Property shall terminate when all the sums secured by the Security Instrument are paid in full.

**I. CROSS-DEFAULT PROVISION.** Borrower's default or breach under any note or agreement in which Lender has an interest shall be a breach under the Security Instrument and Lender may invoke any of the remedies permitted by the Security Instrument.

**BY SIGNING BELOW,** Borrower accepts and agrees to the terms and provisions contained in this 1-4 Family Rider.

  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 9-24-98  
 RANDY K WARD

  
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 MELISSA A WARD

# ADJUSTABLE RATE RIDER (LIBOR INDEX - RATE CAPS) 6-MONTH LIBOR

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THIS ADJUSTABLE RATE RIDER is made this 21ST day of SEPTEMBER, 1998, 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 NOVASTAR MORTGAGE, INC., A VIRGINIA CORPORATION

(the "Lender"), of the same date and covering the property described in the Security Instrument and located at: 505 S ATKINSON STREET TRURO, VA 50257

THE NOTE CONTAINS PROVISIONS ALLOWING FOR CHANGES IN MY INTEREST RATE AND MY MONTHLY PAYMENT. MY ADJUSTABLE INTEREST RATE CAN NEVER EXCEED OR BE LESS THAN THE LIMITS STATED IN THE NOTE.

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

**A. INTEREST RATE AND MONTHLY PAYMENT CHANGES**  
The Note provides for an initial interest rate of 11.250%. The Note provides for a change in the adjustable interest rate and the monthly payments as follows:

## 4. ADJUSTABLE INTEREST RATE AND MONTHLY PAYMENT CHANGES

**(A) Change Dates**  
The adjustable interest rate I will pay will change on the 1ST day of OCTOBER, 2000 and on the 1ST day of every 6TH month thereafter. Each date on which my interest rate could change is called an "Interest Rate Change Date".

**(B) The Index**  
Beginning with the first Interest Rate 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 Interest Rate 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 Change**  
Before each Interest Rate Change Date, the Note Holder will calculate my new interest rate by adding percentage point(s) ( 5.500% ) to the Current Index. The Note Holder will then round the result of this addition up to the nearest one-eighth of one percentage point (.125%). Subject to the limits stated in Section 4(D) below, this rounded amount will be my new interest rate until the next Interest Rate 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 Interest Rate 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.

**(D) Limits on Interest Rate Change**  
The interest rate I am required to pay at the first Interest Rate Change Date will not increase or decrease by more than 3.000% from the initial interest rate. Thereafter, my interest rate will never be increased or decreased on any single Interest Rate Change Date by more than ONE percentage point(s) ( 1.000% ) from the rate of interest I have been paying for the preceding 6 months. My interest rate will never be greater than EIGHTEEN AND ONE-FOURTH percent ( 18.250% ) which is called the "Maximum Rate." My interest rate will never be less than ELEVEN AND ONE-FOURTH percent ( 11.250% ) which is called the "Minimum Rate."

**(E) Effective Date of Change**  
My new interest rate will become effective on each Interest Rate Change Date. I will pay the amount of my new monthly payment beginning on the first monthly payment date after the Interest Rate Change Date until the amount of my monthly payment changes again.

**(F) Notice of Change**  
The Note Holder will deliver or mail to me a notice of any change 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**

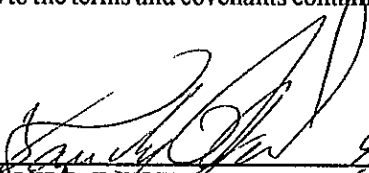
Transfer of the Property shall be governed by the following, any provision of the Security Instrument to the contrary notwithstanding:


**Transfer of the Property.** If all or any part of the Property or any interest in it is sold or transferred without Note Holder's prior written consent, Note Holder 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 Note Holder if exercise is prohibited by federal law as of the date of this Security Instrument. Note Holder also shall not exercise this option if: (a) I submit to Note Holder information required by Note Holder to evaluate the intended transferee as if a new loan were being made to the transferee; and (b) Note Holder reasonably determines that Note Holder'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 Note Holder.

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

If Note Holder exercises the option to require immediate payment in full, Note Holder shall give me 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 I must pay all sums secured by this Security Instrument. If I fail to pay these sums prior to the expiration of this period, Note Holder may invoke any remedies permitted by this Security Instrument without further notice or demand on me.

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

  
 9-24-98  
 RANDY K WARD

  
 MELISSA A WARD

**APPENDUM TO ADJUSTABLE RATE RIDER  
(FIXED RATE CONVERSION OPTION)  
6-MONTH LIBOR**

THIS APPENDUM TO ADJUSTABLE RATE RIDER (the "Rider Addendum") is made this 21ST day of SEPTEMBER, 1998, and is incorporated into and shall be deemed to amend and supplement the adjustable rate rider (the "Rider") to the Mortgage, Deed of Trust or Security Deed (the "Security Instrument"), each dated the same date as this Rider Addendum and given by the undersigned (the "Borrower") to secure Borrower's adjustable rate note with the addendum to adjustable rate note in favor of NOVASTAR MORTGAGE, INC., A VIRGINIA CORPORATION

(the "Lender"), and dated as of even date herewith (the "Note"), covering the property described in the Security Instrument and located at:  
505 S ATKINSON STREET  
FRURO, IA 50257

The interest rate stated on the Note is called the "Note Rate." The date of the Note is called the "Note Date." I understand that the Lender may transfer the Note, the Security Instrument, the Rider and this Rider Addendum. The Lender or anyone who takes the Note, the Security Instrument, the Rider and this Rider Addendum by transfer and who is entitled to receive payments under the Note is called the "Note Holder." I understand also that the Lender may transfer the servicing of the Note; the company that receives payments under the Note is called the "Servicer." Each date on which my adjustable interest rate could change is called an "Interest Rate Change Date." ADDITIONAL COVENANTS. In addition to the covenants and agreements made in the Security Instrument and Rider, Borrower and Lender further covenant and agree as follows:

**1. FIXED INTEREST RATE OPTION**

I have a Conversion Option that I can exercise if all the conditions explained in Section 2 below are met. The "Conversion Option" is my option to convert the adjustable interest rate with interest I am required to pay under the Note from an adjustable rate to the fixed rate calculated under Section 4 below. I may only exercise the Conversion Option once. The Conversion Option will be available to me only during the period beginning on the 1ST Interest Rate Change Date, and ending on the 6TH Interest Rate Change Date (the "Option Period"). The new, fixed interest rate (the "Converted Rate") will be effective beginning on the first day of the second month following the month in which I exercise the Conversion Option (the "Conversion Date").

**2. CONDITIONS TO EXERCISING THE CONVERSION OPTION**

If I want to exercise the Conversion Option, certain conditions must be met. These conditions are that: (a) I must give the Servicer notice during the Option Period in the manner prescribed in Section 3 below that I wish to exercise the Conversion Option; (b) on the date I give the Servicer notice that I wish to exercise the Conversion Option, I must not be in default under the Note or the Security Instrument and I must not have been delinquent thirty days or more in making any payment I was required to make under the Note during the twelve months immediately preceding the Exercise Date (as defined in Section 3 below); (c) I must pay the Servicer a conversion fee equal to TWO HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO/100 dollars ( \$250.00 )

on the Exercise Date; (d) I must have supplied to the Servicer information necessary to complete an updated credit review and I must pay any credit review fees paid by the Servicer to third parties; (e) I must occupy the property; (f) if the Servicer believes the value of the property described in the Security Instrument may have declined since the Note Date, the Servicer must have received an updated appraisal of the property described in the Security Instrument prepared by an appraiser acceptable to the Servicer and I must pay any related appraisal fee paid by the Servicer to a third party; (g) I must complete, sign and deliver to the Servicer on the Exercise Date, any documents the Servicer requires to effect the conversion. I understand that I may not be allowed to exercise the Conversion Option if I do not meet the Servicer's property and credit standards or if the Servicer, in its sole discretion, believes the interest rate as calculated herein is below market interest rates then in effect for similar loans. I also understand that I may not be allowed to exercise the Conversion Option if the value of the property described in the Security Instrument has declined since the Note Date.

**3. EXERCISING THE CONVERSION OPTION**

To obtain information as to the currently available fixed rate, I may telephone the Servicer. I understand there can be no assurance that this rate will be available at any time subsequent to the telephone call, even on the same day. The Servicer will notify me in writing if the phone number should change. To notify the Servicer that I want to exercise the Conversion Option, I must call the Servicer on any business day during the Option Period, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. The Servicer may record our telephone conversations.

Once I notify the Servicer that I desire to exercise the Conversion Option, the Servicer will forward to me any documents necessary to effect the Conversion Option. I must complete and sign the documents provided by the Servicer and return them to the Servicer together with the conversion fee, credit review fees and, if applicable, the appraisal fee

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described in Section 2 above. The date the completed and signed documents are received together with the conversion fee, credit review fees and, if applicable, the appraisal report and appraisal fee is called the Exercise Date. The Converted Rate is the rate quoted by the Servicer on the Exercise Date. If the fees and properly completed documents are not received by the Servicer on the Exercise Date, my adjustable interest rate will not be converted to a fixed interest rate.

**4. CALCULATION OF THE CONVERTED RATE**

The Converted Rate will be equal to the Federal National Mortgage Association's ("FNMA") required net yield, as of the Exercise Date, for the purchase of thirty-year, fixed-rate mortgage loans under sixty-day mandatory delivery commitments plus **TWO AND ONE-HALF** percentage point(s) ( **2.500%** ), rounded up to the nearest one-eighth percent (.125%). If those yields are no longer available, the Servicer will substitute comparable yields. The maximum Converted Rate will not exceed 25% or any legally applicable usury ceiling, whichever is less; however, other interest rate limitations contained in the Note will not apply to the Converted Rate.

**5. CALCULATION OF THE NEW PAYMENT AMOUNT**

If I exercise the Conversion Option, the Servicer will determine the amount of the monthly payment that will be sufficient to repay the unpaid principal plus accrued but unpaid interest I am expected to owe on the Conversion Date in full by the Maturity Date of the Note at the Converted Rate in substantially equal payments. The result of this calculation will be the new amount of my monthly principal and interest payment. Beginning with my first monthly payment after the Conversion Date, I will pay this new amount as my monthly principal and interest payment until the Maturity Date of the Note unless I pay the Note in full prior to its Maturity Date.

**6. TRANSFER OF THE PROPERTY**

If I exercise the Conversion Option under the conditions stated in this Rider Addendum, the conditions under which I may be required to make immediate payment in full of all amounts I owe under the Note because of transfer of property which are described in the section of the Note captioned "Uniform Secured Note" will cease to be in effect. Instead such conditions will be as follows:

**Transfer of the Property.** If all or any part of the Property or any interest in it is sold or transferred without the Note Holder's prior written consent, the Note Holder may, at its option, require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by the Security Instrument. However, this option shall not be exercised by the Note Holder if exercise is prohibited by federal law as of the date of the Security Instrument.

If the Note Holder exercises this option, the Note Holder shall give me notice of acceleration. The notice shall provide a period of not less than thirty days from the date the notice is delivered or mailed within which I must pay all sums secured by the Security Instrument. If I fail to pay these sums prior to the expiration of this period, the Note Holder may invoke any remedies permitted by the Security Instrument, without further notice or demand on me.

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

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