PREPARED BY/RETURN TO: Empire Funding Corp. 9737 Great Hills Trail Austis, Texas 78759 (512) 427-4004 EXT 2226 Prepared By: DEBI JONES

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ASSIGNMENT OF DEED OF TRUST

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that EMPIRE FUNDING CORP (dealer) having an address of 9737 GREAT HILLS TRAIL AUSTIN, TEXAS 78759 ("ASSIGNOR"), for legally sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby GRANT, SELL, ASSIGN, TRANSFER, SET OVER AND CONVEY to AMERUS BANK 418 SIXTH AVENUE DES MOINES IOWA 50309, and its successors and assigns, all right, title and interest of ASSIGNOR in and to that certain Deed of Trust executed by REX DEAN RHODES AND LINDA LOU RHODES (borrowers) having an address 155 SW WALNUT, EARLHAM, IA 50072, in favor of ASSIGNOR on OCTOBER 29, 1996 and encumbering upon and covering the following described real estate situated in MADISON County, State of IOWA to wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 77 NORTH, RANGE 29 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., EARLHAM, MADISON COUNTY, IOWA. THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE ½) OF SAID SECTION 1 496.15 FEET, THENCE WEST 40.0 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING WEST 197.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 80.0 FEET; THENCE EAST 197.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 80.0 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 0.3392 ACRES (LOCALLY KNOWN AS 155 SOUTHWEST WALNUT AVENUE, EARLHAM.

LOAN AMOUNT 10,250.00

which instrument is duly recorded on <u>JANUARY 21, 1997</u> in the <u>Book 186 File No 1947 Page 513</u> of the aforesaid County and State, together with all right, title and interest of the ASSIGNOR in and to the

indebtedness secured thereby, the Contract evidencing the same, and the property therein described. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these presents have been executed by ASSIGNOR on <u>April 13</u>, 1998.

ASSIGNOR

Dealer Company Name: EMPIRE FUNDING CORP

Signature BY: /////
Name: LISA CATHEY

LISA CATHEY TITLE ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT

WITNESS
Signature:

Name: KELLEY YANKOVIC

STATE OF TEXAS

(Acknowledgment for Corporations)

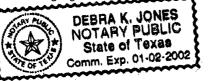
COUNTY OF: TRAVIS

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that LISA CATHEY Personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that he/she is ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT (title) of EMPIRE FUNDING CORP., a corporation, and that by authority duly given and as the act of the corporation, he/she executed, signed and delivered the foregoing instrument for the number of the purpose therein contained by signing the name of said corporation as such officer.

(NOTARY SEAL)

LOAN # 4003535

INVESTOR 5



Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this April 13, 1998

NOTARY DEBRAK. JONES

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My Commission expires: JANUARY 02, 2002

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