

CONSTRUCTION LOAN AGREEMENT

Principal	Loan Date	Maturity	Loan No	Call / Coll	Account	Officer	Initials
\$7,500,000.00	05-24-2021	05-24-2026	4007003517		CAA0372	CWB	
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Borrower: Cornelius Arts/Community Center, Inc.
PO Box 1443
Cornelius, NC 28031-0000

Lender: Aquesta Bank
Cornelius Main Branch
19510 Jetton Road
P.O. Box 700
Cornelius, NC 28031
(704) 439-4343

THIS CONSTRUCTION LOAN AGREEMENT dated May 24, 2021, is made and executed between Cornelius Arts/Community Center, Inc. ("Borrower") and Aquesta Bank ("Lender") on the following terms and conditions. Borrower has applied to Lender for one or more loans for purposes of constructing the Improvements on the Real Property described below. Lender is willing to lend the loan amount to Borrower solely under the terms and conditions specified in this Agreement and in the Related Documents, to each of which Borrower agrees. Borrower understands and agrees that: (A) in granting, renewing, or extending any Loan, Lender is relying upon Borrower's representations, warranties, and agreements as set forth in this Agreement, and (B) all such Loans shall be and remain subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

TERM. This Agreement shall be effective as of May 24, 2021, and shall continue in full force and effect until such time as all of Borrower's Loans in favor of Lender have been paid in full, including principal, interest, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, and other fees and charges, or until such time as the parties may agree in writing to terminate this Agreement.

LOAN. The Loan shall be in an amount not to exceed the principal sum of **U.S. \$7,500,000.00** and shall bear interest on so much of the principal sum as shall be advanced pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and the Related Documents. The Loan shall bear interest on each Advance from the date of the Advance in accordance with the terms of the Note. Borrower shall use the Loan Funds solely for the payment of: (A) the costs of constructing the Improvements and equipping the Project in accordance with the Construction Contract; (B) other costs and expenses incurred or to be incurred in connection with the construction of the Improvements as Lender in its sole discretion shall approve; and (C) if permitted by Lender, interest due under the Note, including all expenses and all loan and commitment fees described in this Agreement. The Loan amount shall be subject at all times to all maximum limits and conditions set forth in this Agreement or in any of the Related Documents, including without limitation, any limits relating to loan to value ratios and acquisition and Project costs.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION. The word "Project" as used in this Agreement means the construction and completion of all Improvements contemplated by this Agreement, including without limitation the erection of the building or structure on the Real Property identified to this Agreement by Borrower and Lender, installation of equipment and fixtures, landscaping, and all other work necessary to make the Project usable and complete for the intended purposes. The Project includes the following work:

the construction of an arts center in downtown Cornelius, North Carolina.

The word "Property" as used in this Agreement means the Real Property together with all Improvements, all equipment, fixtures, and other articles of personal property now or subsequently attached or affixed to the Real Property, together with all accessions, parts, and additions to, all replacements of, and all substitutions for any of such property, and all proceeds (including insurance proceeds and refunds of premiums) from any sale or other disposition of such property. **The real estate described below constitutes the Real Property as used in this Agreement.**

The real estate or its address is commonly known as:

Real Property located at 21328 & 21348 Catawba Avenue, Cornelius, NC 28031.

FEES AND EXPENSES. Whether or not the Project shall be consummated, Borrower shall assume and pay upon demand all out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Lender in connection with the preparation of loan documents and the making of the Loan, including without limitation the following: (A) all closing costs, loan fees, and disbursements; (B) all expenses of Lender's legal counsel; and (C) all title examination fees, title insurance premiums, appraisal fees, survey costs, required fees, and filing and recording fees.

AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS. Borrower hereby authorizes Lender automatically to deduct from Borrower's Demand Deposit - Checking account, numbered 100076893, the amount of any loan payment. If the funds in the account are insufficient to cover any payment, Lender shall not be obligated to advance funds to cover the payment. At any time and for any reason, Borrower or Lender may voluntarily terminate Automatic Payments.

NO CONSTRUCTION PRIOR TO RECORDING OF SECURITY DOCUMENT. Borrower will not permit any work or materials to be furnished in connection with the Project until (A) Borrower has signed the Related Documents; (B) Lender's mortgage or deed of trust and other Security Interests in the Property have been duly recorded and perfected; (C) Lender has been provided evidence, satisfactory to Lender, that Borrower has obtained all insurance required under this Agreement or any Related Documents and that Lender's liens on the Property and Improvements are valid perfected first liens, subject only to such exceptions, if any, acceptable to Lender.

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. Borrower represents and warrants to Lender, as of the date of this Agreement, as of the date of each disbursement of loan proceeds, as of the date of any renewal, extension or modification of any Loan, and at all times any Indebtedness exists:

Organization. Borrower is a non-profit corporation which is, and at all times shall be, duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina. Borrower is duly authorized to transact business in all other states in which Borrower is doing business, having obtained all necessary filings, governmental licenses and approvals for each state in which Borrower is doing business. Specifically, Borrower is, and at all times shall be, duly qualified as a foreign corporation in all states in which the failure to so qualify would have a material adverse effect on its business or financial condition. Borrower has the full power and authority to own its properties and to transact the business in which it is presently engaged or presently proposes to engage. Borrower maintains an office at P.O. Box 1443, Cornelius, NC 28031-0000. Unless Borrower has designated otherwise in writing, the principal office is the office at which Borrower keeps its books and records including its records concerning the Collateral. Borrower will notify Lender prior to any change in the location of Borrower's state of organization or any change in Borrower's name. Borrower shall do all things necessary to preserve and to keep in full force and effect its existence, rights and privileges, and shall comply with all regulations, rules, ordinances, statutes, orders and decrees of any governmental or quasi-governmental authority or court applicable to Borrower and Borrower's business activities.

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Assumed Business Names. Borrower has filed or recorded all documents or filings required by law relating to all assumed business names used by Borrower. Excluding the name of Borrower, the following is a complete list of all assumed business names under which Borrower does business:

<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Assumed Business Name</u>	<u>Filing Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Cornelius Arts/Community Center, Inc.	Cain Center for the Arts	Mecklenburg County, North Carolina	10-16-2018

Authorization. Borrower's execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement and all the Related Documents have been duly authorized by all necessary action by Borrower and do not conflict with, result in a violation of, or constitute a default under (1) any provision of (a) Borrower's articles of incorporation or organization, or bylaws, or (b) any agreement or other instrument binding upon Borrower or (2) any law, governmental regulation, court decree, or order applicable to Borrower or to Borrower's properties.

Financial Information. Each of Borrower's financial statements supplied to Lender truly and completely disclosed Borrower's financial condition as of the date of the statement, and there has been no material adverse change in Borrower's financial condition subsequent to the date of the most recent financial statement supplied to Lender. Borrower has no material contingent obligations except as disclosed in such financial statements.

Legal Effect. This Agreement constitutes, and any instrument or agreement Borrower is required to give under this Agreement when delivered will constitute legal, valid, and binding obligations of Borrower enforceable against Borrower in accordance with their respective terms.

Properties. Except as contemplated by this Agreement or as previously disclosed in Borrower's financial statements or in writing to Lender and as accepted by Lender, and except for property tax liens for taxes not presently due and payable, Borrower owns and has good title to all of Borrower's properties free and clear of all Security Interests, and has not executed any security documents or financing statements relating to such properties. All of Borrower's properties are titled in Borrower's legal name, and Borrower has not used or filed a financing statement under any other name for at least the last five (5) years.

Hazardous Substances. Except as disclosed to and acknowledged by Lender in writing, Borrower represents and warrants that: (1) During the period of Borrower's ownership of the Collateral, there has been no use, generation, manufacture, storage, treatment, disposal, release or threatened release of any Hazardous Substance by any person on, under, about or from any of the Collateral. (2) Borrower has no knowledge of, or reason to believe that there has been (a) any breach or violation of any Environmental Laws; (b) any use, generation, manufacture, storage, treatment, disposal, release or threatened release of any Hazardous Substance on, under, about or from the Collateral by any prior owners or occupants of any of the Collateral; or (c) any actual or threatened litigation or claims of any kind by any person relating to such matters. (3) Neither Borrower nor any tenant, contractor, agent or other authorized user of any of the Collateral shall use, generate, manufacture, store, treat, dispose of or release any Hazardous Substance on, under, about or from any of the Collateral; and any such activity shall be conducted in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances, including without limitation all Environmental Laws. Borrower authorizes Lender and its agents to enter upon the Collateral to make such inspections and tests as Lender may deem appropriate to determine compliance of the Collateral with this section of the Agreement. Any inspections or tests made by Lender shall be at Borrower's expense and for Lender's purposes only and shall not be construed to create any responsibility or liability on the part of Lender to Borrower or to any other person. The representations and warranties contained herein are based on Borrower's due diligence in investigating the Collateral for hazardous waste and Hazardous Substances. Borrower hereby (1) releases and waives any future claims against Lender for indemnity or contribution in the event Borrower becomes liable for cleanup or other costs under any such laws, and (2) agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Lender against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, damages, penalties, and expenses which Lender may directly or indirectly sustain or suffer resulting from a breach of this section of the Agreement or as a consequence of any use, generation, manufacture, storage, disposal, release or threatened release of a hazardous waste or substance on the Collateral. The provisions of this section of the Agreement, including the obligation to indemnify and defend, shall survive the payment of the Indebtedness and the termination, expiration or satisfaction of this Agreement and shall not be affected by Lender's acquisition of any interest in any of the Collateral, whether by foreclosure or otherwise.

Litigation and Claims. No litigation, claim, investigation, administrative proceeding or similar action (including those for unpaid taxes) against Borrower is pending or threatened, and no other event has occurred which may materially adversely affect Borrower's financial condition or properties, other than litigation, claims, or other events, if any, that have been disclosed to and acknowledged by Lender in writing.

Taxes. To the best of Borrower's knowledge, all of Borrower's tax returns and reports that are or were required to be filed, have been filed, and all taxes, assessments and other governmental charges have been paid in full, except those presently being or to be contested by Borrower in good faith in the ordinary course of business and for which adequate reserves have been provided.

Lien Priority. Unless otherwise previously disclosed to Lender in writing, Borrower has not entered into or granted any Security Agreements, or permitted the filing or attachment of any Security Interests on or affecting any of the Collateral directly or indirectly securing repayment of Borrower's Loan and Note, that would be prior or that may in any way be superior to Lender's Security Interests and rights in and to such Collateral.

Binding Effect. This Agreement, the Note, all Security Agreements (if any), and all Related Documents are binding upon the signers thereof, as well as upon their successors, representatives and assigns, and are legally enforceable in accordance with their respective terms.

Title to Property. Borrower has, or on the date of first disbursement of Loan proceeds will have, good and marketable title to the Collateral free and clear of all defects, liens, and encumbrances, excepting only liens for taxes, assessments, or governmental charges or levies not yet delinquent or payable without penalty or interest, and such liens and encumbrances as may be approved in writing by the Lender. The Collateral is contiguous to publicly dedicated streets, roads, or highways providing access to the Collateral.

Project Costs. The Project costs are true and accurate estimates of the costs necessary to complete the Improvements in a good and workmanlike manner according to the Plans and Specifications presented by Borrower to Lender, and Borrower shall take all steps necessary to prevent the actual cost of the Improvements from exceeding the Project costs.

Utility Services. All utility services appropriate to the use of the Project after completion of construction are available at the boundaries of the Collateral.

Assessment of Property. The Collateral is and will continue to be assessed and taxed as an independent parcel by all governmental authorities.

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Compliance with Governing Authorities. Borrower has examined and is familiar with all the easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, building laws, regulations, zoning ordinances, and federal, state, and local requirements affecting the Project. The Project will at all times and in all respects conform to and comply with the requirements of such easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, building laws, regulations, zoning ordinances, and federal, state, and local requirements.

Survival of Representations and Warranties. Borrower understands and agrees that in making the Loan, Lender is relying on all representations, warranties, and covenants made by Borrower in this Agreement or in any certificate or other instrument delivered by Borrower to Lender under this Agreement or the Related Documents. Borrower further agrees that regardless of any investigation made by Lender, all such representations, warranties and covenants will survive the making of the Loan and delivery to Lender of the Related Documents, shall be continuing in nature, and shall remain in full force and effect until such time as Borrower's Indebtedness shall be paid in full, or until this Agreement shall be terminated in the manner provided above, whichever is the last to occur.

CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO EACH ADVANCE. Lender's obligation to make the initial Advance and each subsequent Advance under this Agreement shall be subject to the fulfillment to Lender's satisfaction of all of the conditions set forth in this Agreement and in the Related Documents.

Approval of Contractors, Subcontractors, and Materialmen. Lender shall have approved a list of all contractors employed in connection with the construction of the Improvements, showing the name, address, and telephone number of each contractor, a general description of the nature of the work to be done, the labor and materials to be supplied, the names of materialmen, if known, and the approximate dollar value of the labor, work, or materials with respect to each contractor or materialman. Lender shall have the right to communicate with any person to verify the facts disclosed by the list or by any application for any Advance, or for any other purpose.

Plans, Specifications, and Permits. Lender shall have received and accepted a complete set of written Plans and Specifications setting forth all Improvements for the Project, and Borrower shall have furnished to Lender copies of all permits and requisite approvals of any governmental body necessary for the construction and use of the Project.

Architect's and Construction Contracts. Borrower shall have furnished in form and substance satisfactory to Lender an executed copy of the Architect's Contract and an executed copy of the Construction Contract.

Related and Support Documents. Borrower shall provide to Lender in form satisfactory to Lender the following support documents for the Loan: **Assignment of Construction Contract.**

Budget and Schedule of Estimated Advances. Lender shall have approved detailed budget and cash flow projections of total Project costs and a schedule of the estimated amount and time of disbursements of each Advance.

Borrower's Authorization. Borrower shall have provided in form and substance satisfactory to Lender properly certified resolutions, duly authorizing the consummation of the Project and duly authorizing the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Note and the Related Documents. In addition, Borrower shall have provided such other resolutions, authorizations, documents and instruments as Lender or its counsel, in their sole discretion, may require.

Bond. If requested by Lender, Borrower shall have furnished a performance and payment bond in an amount equal to 100% of the amount of the Construction Contract, as well as a materialmen's and mechanics' payment bond, with such riders and supplements as Lender may require, each in form and substance satisfactory to Lender, naming the General Contractor as principal and Lender as an additional obligee.

Appraisal. If required by Lender, an appraisal shall be prepared for the Property, at Borrower's expense, which in form and substance shall be satisfactory to Lender, in Lender's sole discretion, including applicable regulatory requirements.

Plans and Specifications. If requested by Lender, Borrower shall have assigned to Lender on Lender's forms the Plans and Specifications for the Project.

Environmental Report. If requested by Lender, Borrower shall have furnished to Lender, at Borrower's expense, an environmental report and certificate on the Property in form and substance satisfactory to Lender, prepared by an engineer or other expert satisfactory to Lender stating that the Property complies with all applicable provisions and requirements of the "Hazardous Substances" paragraph set forth in this Agreement.

Soil Report. If requested by Lender, Borrower shall have furnished to Lender, at Borrower's expenses, a soil report for the Property in form and substance satisfactory to Lender, prepared by a registered engineer satisfactory to Lender stating that the Property is free from soil or other geological conditions that would preclude its use or development as contemplated without extra expense for precautionary, corrective or remedial measures.

Survey. If requested by Lender, Borrower shall have furnished to Lender a survey of recent date, prepared and certified by a qualified surveyor and providing that the Improvements, if constructed in accordance with the Plans and Specifications, shall lie wholly within the boundaries of the Collateral without encroachment or violation of any zoning ordinances, building codes or regulations, or setback requirements, together with such other information as Lender in its sole discretion may require.

Zoning. Borrower shall have furnished evidence satisfactory to Lender that the Collateral is duly and validly zoned for the construction, maintenance, and operation of the Project.

Title Insurance. Borrower shall have provided to Lender an ALTA Lender's extended coverage policy of title insurance with such endorsements as Lender may require, issued by a title insurance company acceptable to Lender and in a form, amount, and content satisfactory to Lender, insuring or agreeing to insure that Lender's security agreement or other security document on the Property is or will be upon recordation a valid first lien on the Property free and clear of all defects, liens, encumbrances, and exceptions except those as specifically accepted by Lender in writing. If requested by Lender, Borrower shall provide to Lender, at Borrower's expense, a foundation endorsement to the title policy upon the completion of each foundation for the Improvements, showing no encroachments, and upon completion an endorsement which insures the lien-free completion of the Improvements.

Insurance. Unless waived by Lender in writing, Borrower shall have delivered to Lender the following insurance policies or evidence thereof: (a) an all risks course of construction insurance policy (builder's risk), with extended coverage covering the Improvements issued in an amount and by a company acceptable to Lender, containing a loss payable or other endorsement satisfactory to Lender insuring Lender as mortgagee, together with such other endorsements as may be required by Lender, including stipulations that coverages will not be cancelled or diminished without at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to Lender; (b) owners and General Contractor general liability insurance, public liability and workmen's compensation insurance; (c) flood insurance if required by Lender or applicable law; and (d) all other insurance required by this Agreement or by the Related Documents.

Workers' Compensation Coverage. Provide to Lender proof of the General Contractor's compliance with all applicable workers' compensation laws and regulations with regard to all work performed on the Project.

Payment of Fees and Expenses. Borrower shall have paid to Lender all fees, charges, and other expenses which are then due and payable

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as specified in this Agreement or any Related Document.

Satisfactory Construction. All work usually done at the stage of construction for which disbursement is requested shall have been done in a good and workmanlike manner and all materials and fixtures usually furnished and installed at that stage of construction shall have been furnished and installed, all in compliance with the Plans and Specifications. Borrower shall also have furnished to Lender such proofs as Lender may require to establish the progress of the work, compliance with applicable laws, freedom of the Property from liens, and the basis for the requested disbursement.

Certification. Borrower shall have furnished to Lender a certification by an engineer, architect, or other qualified inspector acceptable to Lender that the construction of the Improvements has complied and will continue to comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances, codes, regulations, and similar requirements.

Lien Waivers. Borrower shall have obtained and attached to each application for an Advance, including the Advance to cover final payment to the General Contractor, executed acknowledgments of payments of all sums due and releases of mechanic's and materialmen's liens, satisfactory to Lender, from any party having lien rights, which acknowledgments of payment and releases of liens shall cover all work, labor, equipment, materials done, supplied, performed, or furnished prior to such application for an Advance.

No Event of Default. There shall not exist at the time of any Advance a condition which would constitute an Event of Default under this Agreement or under any Related Document.

DISBURSEMENT OF LOAN FUNDS. The following provisions relate to the disbursement of funds from the Loan Fund.

Application for Advances. Each application shall be stated on a standard AIA payment request form or other form approved by Lender, executed by Borrower, and supported by such evidence as Lender shall reasonably require. Borrower shall apply only for disbursement with respect to work actually done by the General Contractor and for materials and equipment actually incorporated into the Project. Each application for an Advance shall be deemed a certification of Borrower that as of the date of such application, all representations and warranties contained in the Agreement are true and correct, and that Borrower is in compliance with all of the provisions of this Agreement.

Loan to Value. Unless waived by Lender in writing, the ratio of the amount of the Loan to the Value of the Property as completed shall not exceed 85.000%.

Payments. At the sole option of Lender, Advances may be paid in the joint names of Borrower and the General Contractor, subcontractor(s), or supplier(s) in payment of sums due under the Construction Contract. At its sole option, Lender may directly pay the General Contractor and any subcontractors or other parties the sums due under the Construction Contract. Borrower appoints Lender as its attorney-in-fact to make such payments. This power shall be deemed coupled with an interest, shall be irrevocable, and shall survive an Event of Default under this Agreement.

Projected Cost Overruns. If Lender at any time determines in its sole discretion that the amount in the Loan Fund is insufficient, or will be insufficient, to complete fully and to pay for the Project, then within ten (10) days after receipt of a written request from Lender, Borrower shall deposit in the Loan Fund an amount equal to the deficiency as determined by Lender. The judgment and determination of Lender under this section shall be final and conclusive. Any such amounts deposited by Borrower shall be disbursed prior to any Loan proceeds.

Final Payment to General Contractor. Upon completion of the Project and fulfillment of the Construction Contract to the satisfaction of Lender and provided sufficient Loan Funds are available, Lender shall make an Advance to cover the final payment due to the General Contractor upon delivery to Lender of endorsements to the ALTA title insurance policy following the posting of the completion notice, as provided under applicable law. Construction shall not be deemed complete for purposes of final disbursement unless and until Lender shall have received all of the following:

- (1) Evidence satisfactory to Lender that all work under the Construction Contract requiring inspection by any governmental authority with jurisdiction has been duly inspected and approved by such authority, that a certificate of occupancy has been issued, and that all parties performing work have been paid, or will be paid, for such work;
- (2) A certification by an engineer, architect, or other qualified inspector acceptable to Lender that the Improvements have been completed substantially in accordance with the Plans and Specifications and the Construction Contract, that direct connection has been made to all utilities set forth in the Plans and Specifications, and that the Project is ready for occupancy; and
- (3) Acceptance of the completed Improvements by Lender and Borrower.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, Lender may retain up to 10.000% of the original Loan amount to be paid as the final payment to the General Contractor upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth above.

Construction Default. If Borrower fails in any respect to comply with the provisions of this Agreement or if construction ceases before completion regardless of the reason, Lender, at its option, may refuse to make further Advances, may accelerate the indebtedness under the terms of the Note, and without thereby impairing any of its rights, powers, or privileges, may enter into possession of the construction site and perform or cause to be performed any and all work and labor necessary to complete the improvements, substantially in accordance with the Plans and Specifications.

Damage or Destruction. If any of the Collateral or Improvements is damaged or destroyed by casualty of any nature, within sixty (60) days thereafter Borrower shall restore the Collateral and Improvements to the condition in which they were before such damage or destruction with funds other than those in the Loan Fund. Lender shall not be obligated to make disbursements under this Agreement until such restoration has been accomplished.

Adequate Security. When any event occurs that Lender determines may endanger completion of the Project or the fulfillment of any condition or covenant in this Agreement, Lender may require Borrower to furnish, within ten (10) days after delivery of a written request, adequate security to eliminate, reduce, or indemnify Lender against, such danger. In addition, upon such occurrence, Lender in its sole discretion may advance funds or agree to undertake to advance funds to any party to eliminate, reduce, or indemnify Lender against, such danger or to complete the Project. All sums paid by Lender pursuant to such agreements or undertakings shall be for Borrower's account and shall be without prejudice to Borrower's rights, if any, to receive such funds from the party to whom paid. All sums expended by Lender in the exercise of its option to complete the Project or protect Lender's interests shall be payable to Lender on demand together with interest from the date of the Advance at the rate applicable to the Loan. In addition, any Advance of funds under this Agreement, including without limitation direct disbursements to the General Contractor or other parties in payment of sums due under the Construction Contract, shall be deemed to have been expended by or on behalf of Borrower and to have been secured by Lender's Deed of Trust, if any, on the Collateral.

CESSATION OF ADVANCES. If Lender has made any commitment to make any Loan to Borrower, whether under this Agreement or under any other agreement, Lender shall have no obligation to make Loan Advances or to disburse Loan proceeds if: (A) Borrower or any Guarantor is in

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default under the terms of this Agreement or any of the Related Documents or any other agreement that Borrower or any Guarantor has with Lender; (B) Borrower or any Guarantor dies, becomes incompetent or becomes insolvent, files a petition in bankruptcy or similar proceedings, or is adjudged a bankrupt; (C) there occurs a material adverse change in Borrower's financial condition, in the financial condition of any Guarantor, or in the value of any Collateral securing any Loan; or (D) any Guarantor seeks, claims or otherwise attempts to limit, modify or revoke such Guarantor's guaranty of the Loan or any other loan with Lender; or (E) Lender in good faith deems itself insecure, even though no Event of Default shall have occurred.

LIMITATION OF RESPONSIBILITY. The making of any Advance by Lender shall not constitute or be interpreted as either (A) an approval or acceptance by Lender of the work done through the date of the Advance, or (B) a representation or indemnity by Lender to any party against any deficiency or defect in the work or against any breach of any contract. Inspections and approvals of the Plans and Specifications, the Improvements, the workmanship and materials used in the Improvements, and the exercise of any other right of inspection, approval, or inquiry granted to Lender in this Agreement are acknowledged to be solely for the protection of Lender's interests, and under no circumstances shall they be construed to impose any responsibility or liability of any nature whatsoever on Lender to any party. Neither Borrower nor any contractor, subcontractor, materialman, laborer, or any other person shall rely, or have any right to rely, upon Lender's determination of the appropriateness of any Advance. No disbursement or approval by Lender shall constitute a representation by Lender as to the nature of the Project, its construction, or its intended use for Borrower or for any other person, nor shall it constitute an indemnity by Lender to Borrower or to any other person against any deficiency or defects in the Project or against any breach of any contract.

AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS. Borrower covenants and agrees with Lender that, so long as this Agreement remains in effect, Borrower will:

Notices of Claims and Litigation. Promptly inform Lender in writing of (1) all material adverse changes in Borrower's financial condition, and (2) all existing and all threatened litigation, claims, investigations, administrative proceedings or similar actions affecting Borrower or any Guarantor which could materially affect the financial condition of Borrower or the financial condition of any Guarantor.

Financial Records. Maintain its books and records in accordance with GAAP, applied on a consistent basis, and permit Lender to examine and audit Borrower's books and records at all reasonable times.

Financial Statements. Furnish Lender with the following:

Annual Statements. As soon as available, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after the end of each fiscal year, Borrower's balance sheet and income statement for the year ended, audited by a certified public accountant satisfactory to Lender.

Interim Statements. As soon as available, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after the end of each fiscal quarter, Borrower's balance sheet and profit and loss statement for the period ended, prepared by Borrower.

All financial reports required to be provided under this Agreement shall be prepared in accordance with GAAP, applied on a consistent basis, and certified by Borrower as being true and correct.

Additional Information. Furnish such additional information and statements, lists of assets and liabilities, agings of receivables and payables, inventory schedules, budgets, forecasts, tax returns, and other reports with respect to Borrower's financial condition and business operations as Lender may request from time to time.

Other Agreements. Comply with all terms and conditions of all other agreements, whether now or hereafter existing, between Borrower and any other party and notify Lender immediately in writing of any default in connection with any other such agreements.

Insurance. Maintain fire and other risk insurance, hail, federal crop insurance, public liability insurance, and such other insurance as Lender may require with respect to Borrower's properties and operations, in form, amounts, coverages and with insurance companies acceptable to Lender. Borrower, upon request of Lender, will deliver to Lender from time to time the policies or certificates of insurance in form satisfactory to Lender, including stipulations that coverages will not be cancelled or diminished without at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to Lender. Each insurance policy also shall include an endorsement providing that coverage in favor of Lender will not be impaired in any way by any act, omission or default of Borrower or any other person. In connection with all policies covering assets in which Lender holds or is offered a security interest for the Loans, Borrower will provide Lender with such lender's loss payable or other endorsements as Lender may require.

Insurance Reports. Furnish to Lender, upon request of Lender, reports on each existing insurance policy showing such information as Lender may reasonably request, including without limitation the following: (1) the name of the insurer; (2) the risks insured; (3) the amount of the policy; (4) the properties insured; (5) the then current property values on the basis of which insurance has been obtained, and the manner of determining those values; and (6) the expiration date of the policy. In addition, upon request of Lender (however not more often than annually), Borrower will have an independent appraiser satisfactory to Lender determine, as applicable, the actual cash value or replacement cost of any Collateral. The cost of such appraisal shall be paid by Borrower.

Loan Fees, Charges and Expenses. Whether or not the Project is completed, Borrower also shall pay upon demand all out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Lender in connection with the preparation of loan documents and the making of the Loan, including, without limitation, all closing costs, fees, and disbursements, all expenses of Lender's legal counsel, and all title examination fees, title insurance premiums, appraisal fees, survey costs, required fees, and filing and recording fees.

Loan Proceeds. Use the Loan Funds solely for payment of bills and expenses directly related to the Project.

Taxes, Charges and Liens. Pay and discharge when due all of its indebtedness and obligations, including without limitation all assessments, taxes, governmental charges, levies and liens, of every kind and nature, imposed upon Borrower or its properties, income, or profits, prior to the date on which penalties would attach, and all lawful claims that, if unpaid, might become a lien or charge upon any of Borrower's properties, income, or profits. Provided however, Borrower will not be required to pay and discharge any such assessment, tax, charge, levy, lien or claim so long as (1) the legality of the same shall be contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, and (2) Borrower shall have established on Borrower's books adequate reserves with respect to such contested assessment, tax, charge, levy, lien, or claim in accordance with GAAP.

Performance. Perform and comply, in a timely manner, with all terms, conditions, and provisions set forth in this Agreement, in the Related Documents, and in all other instruments and agreements between Borrower and Lender. Borrower shall notify Lender immediately in writing of any default in connection with any agreement.

Inspection. Permit employees or agents of Lender at any reasonable time to inspect any and all Collateral for the Loan or Loans and Borrower's other properties and to examine or audit Borrower's books, accounts, and records and to make copies and memoranda of Borrower's books, accounts, and records. If Borrower now or at any time hereafter maintains any records (including without limitation computer generated records and computer software programs for the generation of such records) in the possession of a third party, Borrower, upon request of Lender, shall notify such party to permit Lender free access to such records at all reasonable times and to provide Lender with copies of any records it may request, all at Borrower's expense.

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Construction of the Project. Commence construction of the Project no later than May 24, 2021, and cause the Improvements to be constructed and equipped in a diligent and orderly manner and in strict accordance with the Plans and Specifications approved by Lender, the Construction Contract, and all applicable laws, ordinances, codes, regulations, and rights of adjoining or concurrent property owners. Borrower agrees to complete the Project for purposes of final payment to the General Contractor on or before May 24, 2023, regardless of the reason for any delay.

Defects. Upon demand of Lender, promptly correct any defect in the Improvements or any departure from the Plans and Specifications not approved by Lender in writing before further work shall be done upon the portion of the Improvements affected.

Project Claims and Litigation. Promptly inform Lender of (1) all material adverse changes in the financial condition of the General Contractor; (2) any litigation and claims, actual or threatened, affecting the Project or the General Contractor, which could materially affect the successful completion of the Project or the ability of the General Contractor to complete the Project as agreed; and (3) any condition or event which constitutes a breach or default under any of the Related Documents or any contract related to the Project.

Payment of Claims and Removal of Liens. (1) Cause all claims for labor done and materials and services furnished in connection with the Improvements to be fully paid and discharged in a timely manner, (2) diligently file or procure the filing of a valid notice of completion of the Improvements, or such comparable document as may be permitted under applicable lien laws, (3) diligently file or procure the filing of a notice of cessation, or such comparable document as may be permitted under applicable lien laws, upon the happening of cessation of labor on the Improvements for a continuous period of thirty (30) days or more, and (4) take all reasonable steps necessary to remove all claims of liens against the Collateral, the Improvements or any part of the Collateral or Improvements, or any rights or interests appurtenant to the Collateral or Improvements. Upon Lender's request, Borrower shall make such demands or claims upon or against laborers, materialmen, subcontractors, or other persons who have furnished or claim to have furnished labor, services, or materials in connection with the Improvements, which demands or claims shall under the laws of the State of North Carolina require diligent assertions of lien claims upon penalty of loss or waiver thereof. Borrower shall, within ten (10) days after the filing of any claim of lien that is disputed or contested by Borrower, provide Lender with a surety bond issued by a surety acceptable to Lender sufficient to release the claim of lien or deposit with Lender an amount satisfactory to Lender for the possibility that the contest will be unsuccessful. If Borrower fails to remove any lien on the Collateral or Improvements or provide a bond or deposit pursuant to this provision, Lender may pay such lien, or may contest the validity of the lien, and Borrower shall pay all costs and expenses of such contest, including Lender's reasonable attorneys' fees.

Taxes and Claims. Pay and discharge when due all of Borrower's indebtedness, obligations, and claims that, if unpaid, might become a lien or charge upon the Collateral or Improvements; provided, however, that Borrower shall not be required to pay and discharge any such indebtedness, obligation, or claim so long as (1) its legality shall be contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, (2) the indebtedness, obligation, or claim does not become a lien or charge upon the Collateral or Improvements, and (3) Borrower shall have established on its books adequate reserves with respect to the amount contested in accordance with GAAP. If the indebtedness, obligation, or claim does become a lien or charge upon the Collateral or Improvements, Borrower shall remove the lien or charge as provided in the preceding paragraph.

Environmental Studies. Promptly conduct and complete, at Borrower's expense, all such investigations, studies, samplings and testings as may be requested by Lender or any governmental authority relative to any substance, or any waste or by-product of any substance defined as toxic or a hazardous substance under applicable federal, state, or local law, rule, regulation, order or directive, at or affecting any property or any facility owned, leased or used by Borrower.

Additional Assurances. Make, execute and deliver to Lender such promissory notes, mortgages, deeds of trust, security agreements, assignments, financing statements, instruments, documents and other agreements as Lender or its attorneys may reasonably request to evidence and secure the Loans and to perfect all Security Interests in the Collateral and Improvements.

RECOVERY OF ADDITIONAL COSTS. If the imposition of or any change in any law, rule, regulation, guideline, or generally accepted accounting principle, or the interpretation or application of any thereof by any court, administrative or governmental authority, or standard-setting organization (including any request or policy not having the force of law) shall impose, modify or make applicable any taxes (except federal, state or local income or franchise taxes imposed on Lender), reserve requirements, capital adequacy requirements or other obligations which would (A) increase the cost to Lender for extending or maintaining the credit facilities to which this Agreement relates, (B) reduce the amounts payable to Lender under this Agreement or the Related Documents, or (C) reduce the rate of return on Lender's capital as a consequence of Lender's obligations with respect to the credit facilities to which this Agreement relates, then Borrower agrees to pay Lender such additional amounts as will compensate Lender therefor, within five (5) days after Lender's written demand for such payment, which demand shall be accompanied by an explanation of such imposition or charge and a calculation in reasonable detail of the additional amounts payable by Borrower, which explanation and calculations shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error.

LENDER'S EXPENDITURES. If any action or proceeding is commenced that would materially affect Lender's interest in the Collateral or if Borrower fails to comply with any provision of this Agreement or any Related Documents, including but not limited to Borrower's failure to discharge or pay when due any amounts Borrower is required to discharge or pay under this Agreement or any Related Documents, Lender on Borrower's behalf may (but shall not be obligated to) take any action that Lender deems appropriate, including but not limited to discharging or paying all taxes, liens, security interests, encumbrances and other claims, at any time levied or placed on any Collateral and paying all costs for insuring, maintaining and preserving any Collateral. All such expenditures incurred or paid by Lender for such purposes will then bear interest at the rate charged under the Note from the date incurred or paid by Lender to the date of repayment by Borrower. All such expenses will become a part of the Indebtedness and, at Lender's option, will (A) be payable on demand; (B) be added to the balance of the Note and be apportioned among and be payable with any installment payments to become due during either (1) the term of any applicable insurance policy; or (2) the remaining term of the Note; or (C) be treated as a balloon payment which will be due and payable at the Note's maturity.

NEGATIVE COVENANTS. Borrower covenants and agrees with Lender that while this Agreement is in effect, Borrower shall not, without the prior written consent of Lender:

Indebtedness and Liens. (1) Except for trade debt incurred in the normal course of business and indebtedness to Lender contemplated by this Agreement, create, incur or assume indebtedness for borrowed money, including capital leases, (2) sell, transfer, mortgage, assign, pledge, lease, grant a security interest in, or encumber any of Borrower's assets (except as allowed as Permitted Liens), or (3) sell with recourse any of Borrower's accounts, except to Lender.

Continuity of Operations. (1) Engage in any business activities substantially different than those in which Borrower is presently engaged, (2) cease operations, liquidate, merge or restructure as a legal entity (whether by division or otherwise), consolidate with or acquire any other entity, change its name, convert to another type of entity or redomesticate, dissolve or transfer or sell Collateral out of the ordinary course of business, or (3) pay any dividends on Borrower's stock (other than dividends payable in its stock), provided, however that notwithstanding the foregoing, but only so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result from the payment of dividends, if Borrower is a "Subchapter S Corporation" (as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended), Borrower may pay cash dividends on its stock to its shareholders from time to time in amounts necessary to enable the shareholders to pay income taxes and

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make estimated income tax payments to satisfy their liabilities under federal and state law which arise solely from their status as Shareholders of a Subchapter S Corporation because of their ownership of shares of Borrower's stock, or purchase or retire any of Borrower's outstanding shares or alter or amend Borrower's capital structure.

Loans, Acquisitions and Guaranties. (1) Loan, invest in or advance money or assets to any other person, enterprise or entity, (2) purchase, create or acquire any interest in any other enterprise or entity, or (3) incur any obligation as surety or guarantor other than in the ordinary course of business.

Modification of Contract. Make or permit to be made any modification of the Construction Contract.

Liens. Create or allow to be created any lien or charge upon the Collateral or the Improvements.

Agreements. Enter into any agreement containing any provisions which would be violated or breached by the performance of Borrower's obligations under this Agreement or in connection herewith.

GENERAL PROJECT PROVISIONS. The following provisions relate to the construction and completion of the Project:

Change Orders. All requests for changes in the Plans and Specifications, other than minor changes involving no extra cost, must be in writing, signed by Borrower and the architect, and delivered to Lender for its approval. Borrower will not permit the performance of any work pursuant to any change order or modification of the Construction Contract or any subcontract without the written approval of Lender. Borrower will obtain any required permits or authorizations from governmental authorities having jurisdiction before approving or requesting a new change order.

Purchase of Materials; Conditional Sales Contracts. No materials, equipment, fixtures, or articles of personal property placed in or incorporated into the Project shall be purchased or installed under any Security Agreement or other agreement whereby the seller reserves or purports to reserve title or the right of removal or repossession, or the right to consider such items as personal property after their incorporation into the Project, unless otherwise authorized by Lender in writing.

Lender's Right of Entry and Inspection. Lender and its agents shall have at all times the right of entry and free access to the Property and the right to inspect all work done, labor performed, and materials furnished with respect to the Project. Lender shall have unrestricted access to and the right to copy all records, accounting books, contracts, subcontracts, bills, statements, vouchers, and supporting documents of Borrower relating in any way to the Project.

Lender's Right to Stop Work. If Lender in good faith determines that any work or materials do not conform to the approved Plans and Specifications or sound building practices, or otherwise depart from any of the requirements of this Agreement, Lender may require the work to be stopped and withhold disbursements until the matter is corrected. In such event, Borrower will promptly correct the work to Lender's satisfaction. No such action by Lender will affect Borrower's obligation to complete the Improvements on or before the Completion Date. Lender is under no duty to supervise or inspect the construction or examine any books and records. Any inspection or examination by Lender is for the sole purpose of protecting Lender's security and preserving Lender's rights under this Agreement. No default of Borrower will be waived by any inspection by Lender. In no event will any inspection by Lender be a representation that there has been or will be compliance with the Plans and Specifications or that the construction is free from defective materials or workmanship.

Indemnity. Borrower shall indemnify, defend, and hold Lender harmless from any and all claims asserted against Lender or the Property by any person, entity, or governmental body, or arising out of or in connection with the Property, Improvements, or Project. Lender shall be entitled to appear in any proceedings to defend itself against such claims, and all costs and expenses reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by Lender in connection with such defense shall be paid by Borrower to Lender. Lender shall, in its sole discretion, be entitled to settle or compromise any asserted claims against it, and such settlement shall be binding upon Borrower for purposes of this indemnification. All amounts paid by Lender under this paragraph shall be secured by Lender's security agreement or Deed of Trust, if any, on the Property, shall be deemed an additional principal Advance under the Loan, payable upon demand, and shall bear interest at the rate applicable to the Loan.

Publicity. Lender may display a sign at the construction site informing the public that Lender is the construction lender for the Project. Lender may obtain other publicity in connection with the Project through press releases and participation in ground-breaking and opening ceremonies and similar events.

Actions. Lender shall have the right to commence, appear in, or defend any action or proceeding purporting to affect the rights, duties, or liabilities of the parties to this Agreement, or the disbursement of funds from the Loan Fund. In connection with this right, Lender may incur and pay reasonable costs, expenses and reasonable attorneys' fees. Borrower covenants to pay to Lender on demand all such expenses, together with interest from the date Lender incurs the expense at the rate specified in the Note, and Lender is authorized to disburse funds from the Loan Fund for such purposes.

RIGHT OF SETOFF. To the extent permitted by applicable law, Lender reserves a right of setoff in all Borrower's accounts with Lender (whether checking, savings, or some other account). This includes all accounts Borrower may open in the future. However, this does not include any IRA or Keogh accounts, or any trust accounts for which setoff would be prohibited by law. Borrower authorizes Lender, to the extent permitted by applicable law, to charge or setoff all sums owing on the Indebtedness against any and all such accounts, and, at Lender's option, to administratively freeze all such accounts to allow Lender to protect Lender's charge and setoff rights provided in this paragraph.

DEFAULT. Each of the following shall constitute an Event of Default under this Agreement:

Payment Default. Borrower fails to make any payment when due under the Loan.

Other Defaults. Borrower fails to comply with or to perform any other term, obligation, covenant or condition contained in this Agreement or in any of the Related Documents or to comply with or to perform any term, obligation, covenant or condition contained in any other agreement between Lender and Borrower.

Default in Favor of Third Parties. Borrower or any Grantor defaults under any loan, extension of credit, security agreement, purchase or sales agreement, or any other agreement, in favor of any other creditor or person that may materially affect any of Borrower's or any Grantor's property or Borrower's or any Grantor's ability to repay the Loans or perform their respective obligations under this Agreement or any of the Related Documents.

False Statements. Any warranty, representation or statement made or furnished to Lender by Borrower or on Borrower's behalf under this Agreement or the Related Documents is false or misleading in any material respect, either now or at the time made or furnished or becomes false or misleading at any time thereafter.

Insolvency. The dissolution or termination of Borrower's existence as a going business, the insolvency of Borrower, the appointment of a receiver for any part of Borrower's property, any assignment for the benefit of creditors, any type of creditor workout, or the commencement of any proceeding under any bankruptcy or insolvency laws by or against Borrower.

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Defective Collateralization. This Agreement or any of the Related Documents ceases to be in full force and effect (including failure of any collateral document to create a valid and perfected security interest or lien) at any time and for any reason.

Creditor or Forfeiture Proceedings. Commencement of foreclosure or forfeiture proceedings, whether by judicial proceeding, self-help, repossession or any other method, by any creditor of Borrower or by any governmental agency against any collateral securing the Loan. This includes a garnishment of any of Borrower's accounts, including deposit accounts, with Lender. However, this Event of Default shall not apply if there is a good faith dispute by Borrower as to the validity or reasonableness of the claim which is the basis of the creditor or forfeiture proceeding and if Borrower gives Lender written notice of the creditor or forfeiture proceeding and deposits with Lender monies or a surety bond for the creditor or forfeiture proceeding, in an amount determined by Lender, in its sole discretion, as being an adequate reserve or bond for the dispute.

Breach of Construction Contract. The Improvements are not constructed in accordance with the Plans and Specifications or in accordance with the terms of the Construction Contract.

Cessation of Construction. Prior to the completion of construction of the Improvements and equipping of the Project, the construction of the Improvements or the equipping of the Project is abandoned or work thereon ceases for a period of more than ten (10) days for any reason, or the Improvements are not completed for purposes of final payment to the General Contractor prior to May 24, 2023, regardless of the reason for the delay.

Transfer of Property. Sale, transfer, hypothecation, assignment, or conveyance of the Property or the Improvements or any portion thereof or interest therein by Borrower or any Borrower without Lender's prior written consent.

Condemnation. All or any material portion of the Collateral is condemned, seized, or appropriated without compensation, and Borrower does not within thirty (30) days after such condemnation, seizure, or appropriation, initiate and diligently prosecute appropriate action to contest in good faith the validity of such condemnation, seizure, or appropriation.

Events Affecting Guarantor. Any of the preceding events occurs with respect to any Guarantor of any of the Indebtedness or any Guarantor dies or becomes incompetent, or revokes or disputes the validity of, or liability under, any Guaranty of the Indebtedness.

Change in Ownership. Any change in ownership of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the common stock of Borrower.

Adverse Change. A material adverse change occurs in Borrower's financial condition, or Lender believes the prospect of payment or performance of the Loan is impaired.

Insecurity. Lender in good faith believes itself insecure.

EFFECT OF AN EVENT OF DEFAULT; REMEDIES. Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default and at any time thereafter, Lender may, at its option, but without any obligation to do so, and in addition to any other right Lender without notice to Borrower may have, do any one or more of the following without notice to Borrower: (a) Cancel this Agreement; (b) Institute appropriate proceedings to enforce the performance of this Agreement; (c) Withhold further disbursement of Loan Funds; (d) Expend funds necessary to remedy the default; (e) Take possession of the Property and continue construction of the Project; (f) Accelerate maturity of the Note and/or Indebtedness and demand payment of all sums due under the Note and/or Indebtedness; (g) Bring an action on the Note and/or Indebtedness; (h) Foreclose Lender's security agreement or Deed of Trust, if any, on the Property in any manner available under law; and (i) Exercise any other right or remedy which it has under the Note or Related Documents, or which is otherwise available at law or in equity or by statute.

COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENTS BY LENDER. If Lender takes possession of the Collateral, it may take any and all actions necessary in its judgment to complete construction of the Improvements, including but not limited to making changes in the Plans and Specifications, work, or materials and entering into, modifying or terminating any contractual arrangements, subject to Lender's right at any time to discontinue any work without liability. If Lender elects to complete the improvements, it will not assume any liability to Borrower or to any other person for completing the Improvements or for the manner or quality of construction of the Improvements, and Borrower expressly waives any such liability. Borrower irrevocably appoints Lender as its attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution, to complete the Improvements, at Lender's option, either in Borrower's name or in its own name. In any event, all sums expended by Lender in completing the construction of the Improvements will be considered to have been disbursed to Borrower and will be secured by the Collateral for the Loan. Any such sums that cause the principal amount of the Loan to exceed the face amount of the Note will be considered to be an additional Loan to Borrower, bearing interest at the Note rate and being secured by the Collateral. For these purposes, Borrower assigns to Lender all of its right, title and interest in and to the Project Documents; however Lender will not have any obligation under the Project Documents unless Lender expressly hereafter agrees to assume such obligations in writing. Lender will have the right to exercise any rights of Borrower under the Project Documents upon the occurrence of an Event of Default. Except as may be prohibited by applicable law, all of Lender's rights and remedies, whether evidenced by this Agreement or by any other writing, shall be cumulative and may be exercised singularly or concurrently.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS. Borrower shall provide Lender with the following additional documents:

Corporate Resolution. Borrower has provided or will provide Lender with a certified copy of resolutions properly adopted by Borrower's Board of Directors, and certified by Borrower's corporate secretary, assistant secretary, or other authorized officer, under which Borrower's Board of Directors authorized one or more designated officers or employees to execute this Agreement, the Note and any and all Security Agreements directly or indirectly securing repayment of the same, and to consummate the borrowings and other transactions as contemplated under this Agreement, and to consent to the remedies following any default by Borrower as provided in this Agreement and in any Security Agreements.

Opinion of Counsel. When required by Lender, Borrower has provided or will provide Lender with an opinion of Borrower's counsel certifying to and that: (1) Borrower's Note, any Security Agreements and this Agreement constitute valid and binding obligations on Borrower's part that are enforceable in accordance with their respective terms; (2) Borrower is validly existing and in good standing; (3) Borrower has authority to enter into this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated under this Agreement; and (4) such other matters as may have been requested by Lender or by Lender's counsel.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS. The Borrower agrees to maintain their primary operating account with the Lender.

AUTO-DEBIT REQUIREMENT. The Borrower agrees to have their monthly payments under the Note automatically deducted from its primary operating account(s) with the Lender.

OTHER FEES AND CHARGES. A \$25 release fee will be charged at payoff to reimburse the Lender for fees incurred to release real estate collateral.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDS PROCEDURES. Requests for funds should be made in writing and at least five (5) business days prior to the funds being required. Funds will be disbursed by depositing said funds into Borrower's designated operating account(s) with Lender.

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check. Borrower will only be reimbursed upon receipt and proof of paid invoices. Reimbursements to Borrower will be made payable to Borrower by depositing funds into Borrower's designated deposit account(s) with Lender, or if no deposit account(s) exists, wire transfer or check, and applicable fees shall apply.

UCC TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT FEES. All fees or costs incurred by Lender to amend or terminate security filings shall be assessed to the Loan and collected at the time the Loan is paid off.

CONSTRUCTION DRAWS. Advances are contingent on submitted invoices for work completed and subject to inspections by the Bank at the Borrower's expense.

Requests for advances shall be made at least ten (10) business days prior to the day that funds are required. The Borrower will be limited to one (1) construction draw request per month.

Borrower and Lender agree that the Lender will not advance against materials which are stored on site until they are used in the construction of the project.

ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT REQUIREMENTS. Borrower agrees to begin construction of the project within forty-five (45) days of closing.

There must not be any interruptions in the construction project for more than thirty (30) days unless the delay is caused by a natural disaster.

ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION AND INDEMNIFICATION. The Borrower shall cause action to be taken as part of post-closing construction to eliminate or mitigate any and all Recognized Environmental Conditions as required by the State of North Carolina or any other governmental body. The Borrower shall cause the Town of Cornelius to provide an environmental indemnification agreement for the benefit of the Borrower and any successor owners (and the Bank and its successors in interest).

BOND FUNDING. The Borrower will make its best efforts to ensure that the bond funding from the Town of Cornelius, in the amount of no less than Four Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$4,000,000.00), shall occur on or before April 22, 2022.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS. The following miscellaneous provisions are a part of this Agreement.

Amendments. This Agreement, together with any Related Documents, constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the parties as to the matters set forth in this Agreement. No alteration of or amendment to this Agreement shall be effective unless given in writing and signed by the party or parties sought to be charged or bound by the alteration or amendment.

Attorneys' Fees; Expenses. Borrower agrees to pay upon demand all of Lender's costs and expenses, including Lender's reasonable attorneys' fees and Lender's legal expenses, incurred in connection with the enforcement of this Agreement. Lender may hire or pay someone else to help enforce this Agreement, and Borrower shall pay the costs and expenses of such enforcement. Costs and expenses include Lender's reasonable attorneys' fees and legal expenses whether or not there is a lawsuit, including reasonable attorneys' fees and legal expenses for bankruptcy proceedings (including efforts to modify or vacate any automatic stay or injunction), appeals, and any anticipated post-judgment collection services. Borrower also shall pay all court costs and such additional fees as may be directed by the court.

Authority to File Notices. Borrower appoints and designates Lender as its attorney-in-fact to file for the record any notice that Lender deems necessary to protect its interest under this Agreement. This power shall be deemed coupled with an interest and shall be irrevocable while any sum or performance remains due and owing under any of the Related Documents.

Arbitration. Borrower and Lender agree that all disputes, claims and controversies between them whether individual, joint, or class in nature, arising from this Agreement or otherwise, including without limitation contract and tort disputes, shall be arbitrated pursuant to the Rules of the American Arbitration Association in effect at the time the claim is filed, upon request of either party. No act to take or dispose of any Collateral shall constitute a waiver of this arbitration agreement or be prohibited by this arbitration agreement. This includes, without limitation, obtaining injunctive relief or a temporary restraining order; invoking a power of sale under any deed of trust or mortgage; obtaining a writ of attachment or imposition of a receiver; or exercising any rights relating to personal property, including taking or disposing of such property with or without judicial process pursuant to Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. Any disputes, claims, or controversies concerning the lawfulness or reasonableness of any act, or exercise of any right, concerning any Collateral, including any claim to rescind, reform, or otherwise modify any agreement relating to the Collateral, shall also be arbitrated, provided however that no arbitrator shall have the right or the power to enjoin or restrain any act of any party. Judgment upon any award rendered by any arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude any party from seeking equitable relief from a court of competent jurisdiction. The statute of limitations, estoppel, waiver, laches, and similar doctrines which would otherwise be applicable in an action brought by a party shall be applicable in any arbitration proceeding, and the commencement of an arbitration proceeding shall be deemed the commencement of an action for these purposes. The Federal Arbitration Act shall apply to the construction, interpretation, and enforcement of this arbitration provision.

Caption Headings. Caption headings in this Agreement are for convenience purposes only and are not to be used to interpret or define the provisions of this Agreement.

Governing Law. This Agreement will be governed by federal law applicable to Lender and, to the extent not preempted by federal law, the laws of the State of North Carolina without regard to its conflicts of law provisions. This Agreement has been accepted by Lender in the State of North Carolina.

Choice of Venue. If there is a lawsuit, Borrower agrees upon Lender's request to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of Mecklenburg County, State of North Carolina.

Indemnification of Lender. Borrower agrees to indemnify, to defend and to save and hold Lender harmless from any and all claims, suits, obligations, damages, losses, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, Lender's reasonable attorneys' fees, as well as Lender's architect's and engineering fees), demands, liabilities, penalties, fines and forfeitures of any nature whatsoever that may be asserted against or incurred by Lender, its officers, directors, employees, and agents arising out of, relating to, or in any manner occasioned by this Agreement and the exercise of the rights and remedies granted Lender under this. The foregoing indemnity provisions shall survive the cancellation of this Agreement as to all matters arising or accruing prior to such cancellation and the foregoing indemnity shall survive in the event that Lender elects to exercise any of the remedies as provided under this Agreement following default hereunder.

Consent to Loan Participation. Borrower agrees and consents to Lender's sale or transfer, whether now or later, of one or more participation interests in the Loan to one or more purchasers, whether related or unrelated to Lender. Lender may provide, without any limitation whatsoever, to any one or more purchasers, or potential purchasers, any information or knowledge Lender may have about Borrower or about any other matter relating to the Loan, and Borrower hereby waives any rights to privacy Borrower may have with respect to such matters. Borrower additionally waives any and all notices of sale of participation interests, as well as all notices of any repurchase of such participation interests. Borrower also agrees that the purchasers of any such participation interests will be considered as the

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absolute owners of such interests in the Loan and will have all the rights granted under the participation agreement or agreements governing the sale of such participation interests. Borrower further waives all rights of offset or counterclaim that it may have now or later against Lender or against any purchaser of such a participation interest and unconditionally agrees that either Lender or such purchaser may enforce Borrower's obligation under the Loan irrespective of the failure or insolvency of any holder of any interest in the Loan. Borrower further agrees that the purchaser of any such participation interests may enforce its interests irrespective of any personal claims or defenses that Borrower may have against Lender.

No Waiver by Lender. Lender shall not be deemed to have waived any rights under this Agreement unless such waiver is given in writing and signed by Lender. No delay or omission on the part of Lender in exercising any right shall operate as a waiver of such right or any other right. A waiver by Lender of a provision of this Agreement shall not prejudice or constitute a waiver of Lender's right otherwise to demand strict compliance with that provision or any other provision of this Agreement. No prior waiver by Lender, nor any course of dealing between Lender and Borrower, or between Lender and any Grantor, shall constitute a waiver of any of Lender's rights or of any of Borrower's or any Grantor's obligations as to any future transactions. Whenever the consent of Lender is required under this Agreement, the granting of such consent by Lender in any instance shall not constitute continuing consent to subsequent instances where such consent is required and in all cases such consent may be granted or withheld in the sole discretion of Lender.

Severability. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds any provision of this Agreement to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable as to any circumstance, that finding shall not make the offending provision illegal, invalid, or unenforceable as to any other circumstance. If feasible, the offending provision shall be considered modified so that it becomes legal, valid and enforceable. If the offending provision cannot be so modified, it shall be considered deleted from this Agreement. Unless otherwise required by law, the illegality, invalidity, or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the legality, validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

Successors and Assigns. All covenants and agreements by or on behalf of Borrower contained in this Agreement or any Related Documents shall bind Borrower's successors and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of Lender and its successors and assigns. Borrower shall not, however, have the right to assign Borrower's rights under this Agreement or any interest therein, without the prior written consent of Lender.

Survival of Representations and Warranties. Borrower understands and agrees that in making the Loan, Lender is relying on all representations, warranties, and covenants made by Borrower in this Agreement or in any certificate or other instrument delivered by Borrower to Lender under this Agreement or the Related Documents. Borrower further agrees that regardless of any investigation made by Lender, all such representations, warranties and covenants will survive the making of the Loan and delivery to Lender of the Related Documents, shall be continuing in nature, and shall remain in full force and effect until such time as Borrower's Indebtedness shall be paid in full, or until this Agreement shall be terminated in the manner provided above, whichever is the last to occur.

Time is of the Essence. Time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement.

Waive Jury. All parties to this Agreement hereby waive the right to any jury trial in any action, proceeding, or counterclaim brought by any party against any other party.

DEFINITIONS. The following capitalized words and terms shall have the following meanings when used in this Agreement. Unless specifically stated to the contrary, all references to dollar amounts shall mean amounts in lawful money of the United States of America. Words and terms used in the singular shall include the plural, and the plural shall include the singular, as the context may require. Words and terms not otherwise defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings attributed to such terms in the Uniform Commercial Code. Accounting words and terms not otherwise defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings assigned to them in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as in effect on the date of this Agreement:

Advance. The word "Advance" means a disbursement of Loan funds made, or to be made, to Borrower or on Borrower's behalf on a line of credit or multiple advance basis under the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Agreement. The word "Agreement" means this Construction Loan Agreement, as this Construction Loan Agreement may be amended or modified from time to time, together with all exhibits and schedules attached to this Construction Loan Agreement from time to time.

Architect's Contract. The words "Architect's Contract" mean the architect's contract between Borrower and the architect for the Project.

Borrower. The word "Borrower" means Cornelius Arts/Community Center, Inc. and includes all co-signers and co-makers signing the Note and all their successors and assigns.

Collateral. The word "Collateral" means all property and assets granted as collateral security for a Loan, whether real or personal property, whether granted directly or indirectly, whether granted now or in the future, and whether granted in the form of a security interest, mortgage, collateral mortgage, deed of trust, assignment, pledge, crop pledge, chattel mortgage, collateral chattel mortgage, chattel trust, factor's lien, equipment trust, conditional sale, trust receipt, lien, charge, lien or title retention contract, lease or consignment intended as a security device, or any other security or lien interest whatsoever, whether created by law, contract, or otherwise.

Completion Date. The words "Completion Date" mean May 24, 2023.

Construction Contract. The words "Construction Contract" mean the contract between Borrower and the general contractor for the Project, and any subcontracts with subcontractors, materialmen, laborers, or any other person or entity for performance of work on the Project or the delivery of materials to the Project.

Environmental Laws. The words "Environmental Laws" mean any and all state, federal and local statutes, regulations and ordinances relating to the protection of human health or the environment, including without limitation the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601, et seq. ("CERCLA"), the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-499 ("SARA"), the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, 49 U.S.C. Section 1801, et seq., the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 6901, et seq., or other applicable state or federal laws, rules, or regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

Event of Default. The words "Event of Default" mean any of the events of default set forth in this Agreement in the default section of this Agreement.

GAAP. The word "GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles.

Guarantor. The word "Guarantor" means any guarantor, surety, or accommodation party of any or all of the Loan and any guarantor under a completion guaranty agreement.

Guaranty. The word "Guaranty" means the guaranty from Guarantor to Lender, including without limitation a guaranty of all or part of the Note.

Hazardous Substances. The words "Hazardous Substances" mean materials that, because of their quantity, concentration or physical,

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chemical or infectious characteristics, may cause or pose a present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly used, treated, stored, disposed of, generated, manufactured, transported or otherwise handled. The words "Hazardous Substances" are used in their very broadest sense and include without limitation any and all hazardous or toxic substances, materials or waste as defined by or listed under the Environmental Laws. The term "Hazardous Substances" also includes, without limitation, petroleum and petroleum by-products or any fraction thereof and asbestos.

Improvements. The word "Improvements" means all existing and future buildings, structures, facilities, fixtures, additions, and similar construction on the Collateral.

Indebtedness. The word "Indebtedness" means the indebtedness evidenced by the Note or Related Documents, including all principal and interest together with all other indebtedness and costs and expenses for which Borrower is responsible under this Agreement or under any of the Related Documents.

Lender. The word "Lender" means Aquesta Bank, its successors and assigns.

Loan. The word "Loan" means the loan or loans made to Borrower under this Agreement and the Related Documents as described.

Loan Fund. The words "Loan Fund" mean the undisbursed proceeds of the Loan under this Agreement together with any equity funds or other deposits required from Borrower under this Agreement.

Note. The word "Note" means the promissory note dated May 24, 2021, in the original principal amount of \$7,500,000.00 from Borrower to Lender, together with all renewals of, extensions of, modifications of, refinancings of, consolidations of, and substitutions for the promissory note or agreement.

Permitted Liens. The words "Permitted Liens" mean (1) liens and security interests securing Indebtedness owed by Borrower to Lender; (2) liens for taxes, assessments, or similar charges either not yet due or being contested in good faith; (3) liens of materialmen, mechanics, warehousemen, or carriers, or other like liens arising in the ordinary course of business and securing obligations which are not yet delinquent; (4) purchase money liens or purchase money security interests upon or in any property acquired or held by Borrower in the ordinary course of business to secure indebtedness outstanding on the date of this Agreement or permitted to be incurred under the paragraph of this Agreement titled "Indebtedness and Liens"; (5) liens and security interests which, as of the date of this Agreement, have been disclosed to and approved by the Lender in writing; and (6) those liens and security interests which in the aggregate constitute an immaterial and insignificant monetary amount with respect to the net value of Borrower's assets.

Plans and Specifications. The words "Plans and Specifications" mean the plans and specifications for the Project which have been submitted to and initiated by Lender, together with such changes and additions as may be approved by Lender in writing.

Project. The word "Project" means the construction project as described in the "Project Description" section of this Agreement.

Project Documents. The words "Project Documents" mean the Plans and Specifications, all studies, data and drawings relating to the Project, whether prepared by or for Borrower, the Construction Contract, the Architect's Contract, and all other contracts and agreements relating to the Project or the construction of the Improvements.

Property. The word "Property" means the property as described in the "Project Description" section of this Agreement.

Real Property. The words "Real Property" mean the real property, interests and rights, as further described in the "Project Description" section of this Agreement.

Related Documents. The words "Related Documents" mean all promissory notes, credit agreements, loan agreements, environmental agreements, guaranties, security agreements, mortgages, deeds of trust, security deeds, collateral mortgages, and all other instruments, agreements and documents, whether now or hereafter existing, executed in connection with the Loan.

Security Agreement. The words "Security Agreement" mean and include without limitation any agreements, promises, covenants, arrangements, understandings or other agreements, whether created by law, contract, or otherwise, evidencing, governing, representing, or creating a Security Interest.

Security Interest. The words "Security Interest" mean, without limitation, any and all types of collateral security, present and future, whether in the form of a lien, charge, encumbrance, mortgage, deed of trust, security deed, assignment, pledge, crop pledge, chattel mortgage, collateral chattel mortgage, chattel trust, factor's lien, equipment trust, conditional sale, trust receipt, lien or title retention contract, lease or consignment intended as a security device, or any other security or lien interest whatsoever whether created by law, contract, or otherwise.

Value. The word "Value" means such amount or worth as defined and determined by Lender in its sole discretion unless agreed to the contrary by Lender in writing.

BORROWER ACKNOWLEDGES HAVING READ ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CONSTRUCTION LOAN AGREEMENT AND BORROWER AGREES TO ITS TERMS. THIS CONSTRUCTION LOAN AGREEMENT IS DATED MAY 24, 2021.

BORROWER:

CORNELIUS ARTS/COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

By: _____
Gregory J. Wessling

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LENDER:

AQUESTA BANK

By: _____
Chris W. Bacola, Senior Vice President/Lake Norman
Market Executive

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PROMISSORY NOTE

Principal	Loan Date	Maturity	Loan No	Call / Coll	Account	Officer	Initials
\$7,500,000.00	05-24-2021	05-24-2026	4007003517		CAA0372	CWB	
References in the boxes above are for Lender's use only and do not limit the applicability of this document to any particular loan or item. Any item above containing "*****" has been omitted due to text length limitations.							

Borrower: Cornelius Arts/Community Center, Inc.
PO Box 1443
Cornelius, NC 28031-0000

Lender: Aquesta Bank
Cornelius Main Branch
19510 Jetton Road
P.O. Box 700
Cornelius, NC 28031
(704) 439-4343

Principal Amount: \$7,500,000.00

Date of Note: May 24, 2021

PROMISE TO PAY. Cornelius Arts/Community Center, Inc. ("Borrower") promises to pay to Aquesta Bank ("Lender"), or order, in lawful money of the United States of America, the principal amount of Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand & 00/100 Dollars (\$7,500,000.00) or so much as may be outstanding, together with interest on the unpaid outstanding principal balance of each advance. Interest shall be calculated from the date of each advance until repayment of each advance.

PAYMENT. Borrower will pay this loan in accordance with the following payment schedule, which calculates interest on the unpaid principal balances as described in the "INTEREST CALCULATION METHOD" paragraph using the interest rates described in this paragraph: 24 monthly consecutive interest payments, beginning June 24, 2021, with interest calculated on the unpaid principal balances using an interest rate of 4.100% per annum based on a year of 360 days; 12 monthly consecutive interest payments, beginning June 24, 2023, with interest calculated on the unpaid principal balances using an interest rate of 4.100% per annum based on a year of 360 days; 8 quarterly consecutive principal payments of \$50,000.00 each, beginning June 24, 2024, during which interest continues to accrue on the unpaid principal balances using an interest rate of 4.100% per annum based on a year of 360 days; 23 monthly consecutive interest payments, beginning June 24, 2024, with interest calculated on the unpaid principal balances using an interest rate of 4.100% per annum based on a year of 360 days; and one principal and interest payment of \$7,124,258.33 on May 24, 2026, with interest calculated on the unpaid principal balances using an interest rate of 4.100% per annum based on a year of 360 days. This estimated final payment is based on the assumption that all payments will be made exactly as scheduled; the actual final payment will be for all principal and accrued interest not yet paid, together with any other unpaid amounts under this Note. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the rate of interest accrual described for the principal only payment stream applies only to the extent that no other interest rate for any other payment stream applies. Unless otherwise agreed or required by applicable law, payments will be applied first to any accrued unpaid interest; then to principal; then to any escrow or reserve account payments as required under any mortgage, deed of trust, or other security instrument or security agreement securing this Note; and then to any late charges.

PLEGGED RECEIVABLES. The Borrower has represented to the Bank that it has received pledges representing expected donations of \$4,000,000.00. On or before the end of the two (2) year construction draw period, the Borrower will remit to the Bank at least Two Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in principal curtailment payments from such pledges. In the event that the Borrower fails to make such payments by the end of the two (2) year construction draw period, then the Borrower shall transfer One Hundred (100%) percent of all pledges received to the Bank on a going-forward basis until the cumulative \$2,000,000.00 principal curtailment is received. This requirement is separate and apart from the quarterly Fifty Thousand and 00/100 (\$50,000.00) principal curtailment payments to be made after the conclusion of the two (2) year construction draw period.

INTEREST CALCULATION METHOD. Interest on this Note is computed on a 365/360 basis; that is, by applying the ratio of the interest rate over a year of 360 days, multiplied by the outstanding principal balance, multiplied by the actual number of days the principal balance is outstanding. All interest payable under this Note is computed using this method.

MATURITY. This loan will mature and be repayable in full five (5) years from the date of the closing. The Borrower will have the option to extend the Loan for an additional five (5) years with quarterly principal and interest payment, fully amortized, based on the remaining balance after the initial five (5) year term.

RECEIPT OF PAYMENTS. All payments must be made in U.S. dollars and must be received by Lender consistent with the following payment instructions: Payments can be made at any branch. See www.aquestabank.com for locations and hours. Lender may modify these payment instructions by providing updated payment instructions to Borrower in writing. If a payment is made consistent with Lender's payment instructions but received after 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time on a business day, Lender will credit Borrower's payment on the next business day.

PREPAYMENT. Borrower may pay without penalty all or a portion of the amount owed earlier than it is due. Early payments will not, unless agreed to by Lender in writing, relieve Borrower of Borrower's obligation to continue to make payments under the payment schedule. Rather, early payments will reduce the principal balance due and may result in Borrower's making fewer payments. Borrower agrees not to send Lender payments marked "paid in full", "without recourse", or similar language. If Borrower sends such a payment, Lender may accept it without losing any of Lender's rights under this Note, and Borrower will remain obligated to pay any further amount owed to Lender. All written communications concerning disputed amounts, including any check or other payment instrument that indicates that the payment constitutes "payment in full" of the amount owed or that is tendered with other conditions or limitations or as full satisfaction of a disputed amount must be mailed or delivered to: Aquesta Bank, Attn: Loan Operations, 464 Williamson Road Mooresville, NC 28117.

LATE CHARGE. If a payment is 5 days or more late, Borrower will be charged 4.000% of the unpaid portion of the regularly scheduled payment. This late charge shall be paid to Lender by Borrower to compensate Lender for Lender's extra costs and expenses caused by the late payment.

INTEREST AFTER DEFAULT. Upon default, including failure to pay upon final maturity, the interest rate on this Note shall be increased by adding an additional 5.000 percentage point margin ("Default Rate Margin"). The Default Rate Margin shall also apply to each succeeding interest rate change that would have applied had there been no default. After maturity, or after this Note would have matured had there been no default, the Default Rate Margin will continue to apply to the final interest rate described in this Note. If judgment is entered in connection with this Note, interest will continue to accrue after the date of judgment at the rate in effect at the time judgment is entered. However, in no event will the interest rate exceed the maximum interest rate limitations under applicable law.

DEFAULT. Each of the following shall constitute an event of default ("Event of Default") under this Note:

Payment Default. Borrower fails to make any payment when due under this Note.

Other Defaults. Borrower fails to comply with or to perform any other term, obligation, covenant or condition contained in this Note or in any of the related documents or to comply with or to perform any term, obligation, covenant or condition contained in any other agreement between Lender and Borrower.

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Default in Favor of Third Parties. Borrower or any Grantor defaults under any loan, extension of credit, security agreement, purchase or sales agreement, or any other agreement, in favor of any other creditor or person that may materially affect any of Borrower's property or Borrower's ability to repay this Note or perform Borrower's obligations under this Note or any of the related documents.

False Statements. Any warranty, representation or statement made or furnished to Lender by Borrower or on Borrower's behalf under this Note or the related documents is false or misleading in any material respect, either now or at the time made or furnished or becomes false or misleading at any time thereafter.

Insolvency. The dissolution or termination of Borrower's existence as a going business, the insolvency of Borrower, the appointment of a receiver for any part of Borrower's property, any assignment for the benefit of creditors, any type of creditor workout, or the commencement of any proceeding under any bankruptcy or insolvency laws by or against Borrower.

Creditor or Forfeiture Proceedings. Commencement of foreclosure or forfeiture proceedings, whether by judicial proceeding, self-help, repossession or any other method, by any creditor of Borrower or by any governmental agency against any collateral securing the loan. This includes a garnishment of any of Borrower's accounts, including deposit accounts, with Lender. However, this Event of Default shall not apply if there is a good faith dispute by Borrower as to the validity or reasonableness of the claim which is the basis of the creditor or forfeiture proceeding and if Borrower gives Lender written notice of the creditor or forfeiture proceeding and deposits with Lender monies or a surety bond for the creditor or forfeiture proceeding, in an amount determined by Lender, in its sole discretion, as being an adequate reserve or bond for the dispute.

Events Affecting Guarantor. Any of the preceding events occurs with respect to any guarantor, endorser, surety, or accommodation party of any of the indebtedness or any guarantor, endorser, surety, or accommodation party dies or becomes incompetent, or revokes or disputes the validity of, or liability under, any guaranty of the indebtedness evidenced by this Note.

Change In Ownership. Any change in ownership of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the common stock of Borrower.

Adverse Change. A material adverse change occurs in Borrower's financial condition, or Lender believes the prospect of payment or performance of this Note is impaired.

Insecurity. Lender in good faith believes itself insecure.

LENDER'S RIGHTS. Upon default, Lender may declare the entire unpaid principal balance under this Note and all accrued unpaid interest immediately due, and then Borrower will pay that amount.

ATTORNEYS' FEES; EXPENSES. Lender may hire or pay someone else to help collect this Note if Borrower does not pay. Borrower will pay Lender that amount. This includes, subject to any limits under applicable law, Lender's reasonable attorneys' fees and Lender's legal expenses, whether or not there is a lawsuit, including reasonable attorneys' fees, expenses for bankruptcy proceedings (including efforts to modify or vacate any automatic stay or injunction), and appeals. If not prohibited by applicable law, Borrower also will pay any court costs, in addition to all other sums provided by law.

JURY WAIVER. Lender and Borrower hereby waive the right to any jury trial in any action, proceeding, or counterclaim brought by either Lender or Borrower against the other.

GOVERNING LAW. This Note will be governed by federal law applicable to Lender and, to the extent not preempted by federal law, the laws of the State of North Carolina without regard to its conflicts of law provisions. This Note has been accepted by Lender in the State of North Carolina.

CHOICE OF VENUE. If there is a lawsuit, Borrower agrees upon Lender's request to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of Mecklenburg County, State of North Carolina.

DISHONORED ITEM FEE. Borrower will pay a fee to Lender of \$7.00 if Borrower makes a payment on Borrower's loan and the check or preauthorized charge with which Borrower pays is later dishonored.

RIGHT OF SETOFF. To the extent permitted by applicable law, Lender reserves a right of setoff in all Borrower's accounts with Lender (whether checking, savings, or some other account). This includes all accounts Borrower may open in the future. However, this does not include any IRA or Keogh accounts, or any trust accounts for which setoff would be prohibited by law. Borrower authorizes Lender, to the extent permitted by applicable law, to charge or setoff all sums owing on the indebtedness against any and all such accounts, and, at Lender's option, to administratively freeze all such accounts to allow Lender to protect Lender's charge and setoff rights provided in this paragraph.

COLLATERAL. Borrower acknowledges this Note is secured by the following collateral described in the security instruments listed herein:

- (A) a Construction Deed of Trust to a trustee in favor of Lender on real property located in Mecklenburg County, State of North Carolina.
- (B) an Assignment of All Rents to Lender on real property located in Mecklenburg County, State of North Carolina.
- (C) a Commercial Security Agreement dated May 24, 2021 made and executed between Cornelius Arts/Community Center, Inc. and Lender on collateral described as: inventory, chattel paper, accounts, equipment, consumer goods and fixtures.

LINE OF CREDIT. This Note evidences a straight line of credit. Once the total amount of principal has been advanced, Borrower is not entitled to further loan advances. Borrower agrees to be liable for all sums either: (A) advanced in accordance with the instructions of an authorized person or (B) credited to any of Borrower's accounts with Lender. The unpaid principal balance owing on this Note at any time may be evidenced by endorsements on this Note or by Lender's internal records, including daily computer print-outs.

ARBITRATION. Borrower and Lender agree that all disputes, claims and controversies between them whether individual, joint, or class in nature, arising from this Note or otherwise, including without limitation contract and tort disputes, shall be arbitrated pursuant to the Rules of the American Arbitration Association in effect at the time the claim is filed, upon request of either party. No act to take or dispose of any collateral securing this Note shall constitute a waiver of this arbitration agreement or be prohibited by this arbitration agreement. This includes, without limitation, obtaining injunctive relief or a temporary restraining order; invoking a power of sale under any deed of trust or mortgage; obtaining a writ of attachment or imposition of a receiver; or exercising any rights relating to personal property, including taking or disposing of such property with or without judicial process pursuant to Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. Any disputes, claims, or controversies concerning the lawfulness or reasonableness of any act, or exercise of any right, concerning any collateral securing this Note, including any claim to rescind, reform, or otherwise modify any agreement relating to the collateral securing this Note, shall also be arbitrated, provided however that no arbitrator shall have the right or the power to enjoin or restrain any act of any party. Judgment upon any award rendered by any arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. Nothing in this Note shall preclude any party from seeking equitable relief from a court of competent jurisdiction. The statute of limitations, estoppel, waiver, laches, and similar doctrines which would otherwise be applicable in an action brought by a party shall be applicable in any arbitration proceeding, and the commencement of an arbitration proceeding shall be deemed the commencement of an action for these purposes. The Federal Arbitration Act shall apply to the construction, interpretation, and enforcement of this arbitration provision.

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DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS. The Borrower agrees to maintain their primary operating account with the Lender.

AUTO-DEBIT REQUIREMENT. The Borrower agrees to have their monthly payments under the Note automatically deducted from its primary operating account(s) with the Lender.

OTHER FEES AND CHARGES. A \$25 release fee will be charged at payoff to reimburse the Lender for fees incurred to release real estate collateral.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDS PROCEDURES. Requests for funds should be made in writing and at least five (5) business days prior to the funds being required. Funds will be disbursed by depositing said funds into Borrower's designated operating account(s) with Lender.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDS PROCEDURES. Requests for funds should be made in writing and at least five (5) business days prior to the funds being required. Funds will be disbursed upon receipt of invoices and will be made payable to the applicable third-party via wire transfer or cashier check. Borrower will only be reimbursed upon receipt and proof of paid invoices. Reimbursements to Borrower will be made payable to Borrower by depositing funds into Borrower's designated deposit account(s) with Lender, or if no deposit account(s) exists, wire transfer or check, and applicable fees shall apply.

UCC TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT FEES. All fees or costs incurred by Lender to amend or terminate security filings shall be assessed to the Loan and collected at the time the Loan is paid off.

SUCCESSOR INTERESTS. The terms of this Note shall be binding upon Borrower, and upon Borrower's heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of Lender and its successors and assigns.

NOTIFY US OF INACCURATE INFORMATION WE REPORT TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES. Borrower may notify Lender if Lender reports any inaccurate information about Borrower's account(s) to a consumer reporting agency. Borrower's written notice describing the specific inaccuracy(ies) should be sent to Lender at the following address: Aquesta Bank Attn: Loan Operations 464 Williamson Road Mooresville, NC 28117.

GENERAL PROVISIONS. If any part of this Note cannot be enforced, this fact will not affect the rest of the Note. Lender may delay or forgo enforcing any of its rights or remedies under this Note without losing them. Borrower and any other person who signs, guarantees or endorses this Note, to the extent allowed by law, waive presentment, demand for payment, and notice of dishonor. Upon any change in the terms of this Note, and unless otherwise expressly stated in writing, no party who signs this Note, whether as maker, guarantor, accommodation maker or endorser, shall be released from liability. All such parties agree that Lender may renew or extend (repeatedly and for any length of time) this loan or release any party or guarantor or collateral; or impair, fail to realize upon or perfect Lender's security interest in the collateral; and take any other action deemed necessary by Lender without the consent of or notice to anyone. All such parties also agree that Lender may modify this loan without the consent of or notice to anyone other than the party with whom the modification is made. The obligations under this Note are joint and several.

PRIOR TO SIGNING THIS NOTE, BORROWER READ AND UNDERSTOOD ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THIS NOTE. BORROWER AGREES TO THE TERMS OF THE NOTE.

BORROWER ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF A COMPLETED COPY OF THIS PROMISSORY NOTE.

BORROWER:

CORNELIUS ARTS/COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

By: _____
Gregory J. Wessling

DEED OF TRUST SECURING FUTURE ADVANCES

COLLATERAL IS OR INCLUDES FIXTURES

RECORDATION REQUESTED BY:

Aquesta Bank, Cornelius Main Branch, 19510 Jetton Road, P.O. Box 700, Cornelius, NC 28031

WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

Aquesta Bank, Cornelius Main Branch, 19510 Jetton Road, P.O. Box 700, Cornelius, NC 28031

SEND TAX NOTICES TO:

Aquesta Bank, Cornelius Main Branch, 19510 Jetton Road, P.O. Box 700, Cornelius, NC 28031

This Deed of Trust prepared by:

X _____
J. Santella, AVP, Senior Commercial Closer

THIS DEED OF TRUST is dated May 24, 2021, among Cornelius Arts/Community Center, Inc. , whose address is PO Box 1443, Cornelius, NC 28031-0000 ("Grantor"); Aquesta Bank, whose address is Cornelius Main Branch, 19510 Jetton Road, P.O. Box 700, Cornelius, NC 28031 (referred to below sometimes as "Lender" and sometimes as "Beneficiary"); and (referred to below as "Trustee").

CONVEYANCE AND GRANT. NOW, THEREFORE, as security for the Indebtedness, advancements and other sums expended by the Beneficiary pursuant to this Deed of Trust and costs of collection (including attorneys' fees as provided in the Note) and other valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Grantor has bargained, sold, given, granted and conveyed and does by these presents bargain, sell, give, grant and convey to Trustee, and Trustee's heirs or successors and assigns, for the benefit of Lender as Beneficiary, all of Grantor's right, title, and interest in and to the following described real property, together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements and fixtures; all easements, rights of way, and appurtenances; all water, water rights and ditch rights (including stock in utilities with ditch or irrigation rights); and all other rights, royalties, and profits relating to the real property, including without limitation all minerals, oil, gas, geothermal and similar matters, (the "Real Property") located in Mecklenburg County, State of North Carolina:

See the exhibit or other description document which is attached to this Deed of Trust and made a part of this Deed of Trust as if fully set forth herein.

The Real Property or its address is commonly known as 21328 & 21348 Catawba Avenue, Cornelius, NC 28031.

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To have and to hold said Real Property with all privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, to the Trustee, his heirs, successors and assigns forever, upon the trusts, terms and conditions and for the uses hereinafter set forth.

Grantor presently assigns to Lender (also known as Beneficiary in this Deed of Trust) all of Grantor's right, title, and interest in and to all present and future leases of the Property and all Rents from the Property. In addition, Grantor grants to Lender a Uniform Commercial Code security interest in the Personal Property and Rents.

THIS DEED OF TRUST, INCLUDING THE ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS AND THE SECURITY INTEREST IN THE RENTS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, IS GIVEN TO SECURE (A) PAYMENT OF THE INDEBTEDNESS AND (B) PERFORMANCE OF ANY AND ALL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE NOTE, THE RELATED DOCUMENTS, AND THIS DEED OF TRUST. THIS DEED OF TRUST, INCLUDING THE ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS AND THE SECURITY INTEREST IN THE RENTS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, IS ALSO GIVEN TO SECURE ANY AND ALL OF GRANTOR'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THAT CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN GRANTOR AND LENDER OF EVEN DATE HERewith. ANY EVENT OF DEFAULT UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION LOAN AGREEMENT, OR ANY OF THE RELATED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO THEREIN, SHALL ALSO BE AN EVENT OF DEFAULT UNDER THIS DEED OF TRUST. THIS DEED OF TRUST IS GIVEN AND ACCEPTED ON THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

FUTURE ADVANCES. The Indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust is for present and future advances and/or present and future obligations that may from time to time be made or incurred under this Deed of Trust and this Deed of Trust is given to secure all present and future advances and/or obligations made to or incurred by Grantor. The period in which future advances may be made and/or future obligations may be incurred and secured by this Deed of Trust is the period between the date hereof and that date which is thirty (30) years from the date hereof. The amount of present obligations secured by this Deed of Trust is \$ 0.00 and the maximum principal amount, including present and future advances and/or obligations, that may be secured by this Deed of Trust at any one time is Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand & 00/100 Dollars (\$7,500,000.00.) This Deed of Trust shall also secure all payments made, sums advanced, and expenses incurred by Lender (A) for insurance, taxes, and assessments, (B) to protect Lender's interest under this Deed of Trust, or (C) to preserve and protect the value or condition of the Real Property encumbered by this Deed of Trust and shall have the same priority as if they had been paid, advanced or incurred at the time this Deed of Trust was registered. Further advances may be made and additional obligations secured by this Deed of Trust may be incurred from time to time within the thirty (30) year time limit fixed by this Deed of Trust, provided that the maximum principal amount of obligations outstanding at any one time shall not exceed the maximum amount set forth above. All future advances and/or obligations shall be considered to be made or incurred pursuant to the requirements of North Carolina General Statutes Sections 45-67, et. seq., or any amendments thereto.

PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE. Except as otherwise provided in this Deed of Trust, Grantor shall pay to Lender all amounts secured by this Deed of Trust as they become due, and shall strictly and in a timely manner perform all of Grantor's obligations under the Note, this Deed of Trust, and the Related Documents.

POSSESSION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPERTY. Grantor agrees that Grantor's possession and use of the Property shall be governed by the following provisions:

Possession and Use. Until the occurrence of an Event of Default, Grantor may (1) remain in possession and control of the Property; (2) use, operate or manage the Property; and (3) collect the Rents from the Property.

Duty to Maintain. Grantor shall maintain the Property in tenantable condition and promptly perform all repairs, replacements, and maintenance necessary to preserve its value.

Compliance With Environmental Laws. Grantor represents and warrants to Lender that: (1) During the period of Grantor's ownership of the Property, there has been no use, generation, manufacture, storage, treatment, disposal, release or threatened release of any Hazardous Substance by any person on, under, about or from the Property; (2) Grantor has no knowledge of, or reason to believe that there has been, except as previously disclosed to and acknowledged by Lender in writing, (a) any breach or violation of any Environmental Laws, (b) any use, generation, manufacture, storage, treatment, disposal, release or

threatened release of any Hazardous Substance on, under, about or from the Property by any prior owners or occupants of the Property, or (c) any actual or threatened litigation or claims of any kind by any person relating to such matters; and (3) Except as previously disclosed to and acknowledged by Lender in writing, (a) neither Grantor nor any tenant, contractor, agent or other authorized user of the Property shall use, generate, manufacture, store, treat, dispose of or release any Hazardous Substance on, under, about or from the Property; and (b) any such activity shall be conducted in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and ordinances, including without limitation all Environmental Laws. Grantor authorizes Lender and its agents to enter upon the Property to make such inspections and tests, at Grantor's expense, as Lender may deem appropriate to determine compliance of the Property with this section of the Deed of Trust. Any inspections or tests made by Lender shall be for Lender's purposes only and shall not be construed to create any responsibility or liability on the part of Lender to Grantor or to any other person. The representations and warranties contained herein are based on Grantor's due diligence in investigating the Property for Hazardous Substances. Grantor hereby (1) releases and waives any future claims against Lender for indemnity or contribution in the event Grantor becomes liable for cleanup or other costs under any such laws; and (2) agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Lender against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, damages, penalties, and expenses which Lender may directly or indirectly sustain or suffer resulting from a breach of this section of the Deed of Trust or as a consequence of any use, generation, manufacture, storage, disposal, release or threatened release occurring prior to Grantor's ownership or interest in the Property, whether or not the same was or should have been known to Grantor. The provisions of this section of the Deed of Trust, including the obligation to indemnify and defend, shall survive the payment of the Indebtedness and the satisfaction and reconveyance of the lien of this Deed of Trust and shall not be affected by Lender's acquisition of any interest in the Property, whether by foreclosure or otherwise.

Nuisance, Waste. Grantor shall not cause, conduct or permit any nuisance nor commit, permit, or suffer any stripping of or waste on or to the Property or any portion of the Property. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Grantor will not remove, or grant to any other party the right to remove, any timber, minerals (including oil and gas), coal, clay, scoria, soil, gravel or rock products without Lender's prior written consent.

Removal of Improvements. Grantor shall not demolish or remove any Improvements from the Real Property without Lender's prior written consent. As a condition to the removal of any Improvements, Lender may require Grantor to make arrangements satisfactory to Lender to replace such Improvements with Improvements of at least equal value.

Lender's Right to Enter. Lender and Lender's agents and representatives may enter upon the Real Property at all reasonable times to attend to Lender's interests and to inspect the Real Property for purposes of Grantor's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Deed of Trust.

Compliance with Governmental Requirements. Grantor 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 Property, including without limitation, the Americans With Disabilities Act. Grantor may contest in good faith any such law, ordinance, or regulation and withhold compliance during any proceeding, including appropriate appeals, so long as Grantor has notified Lender in writing prior to doing so and so long as, in Lender's sole opinion, Lender's interests in the Property are not jeopardized. Lender may require Grantor to post adequate security or a surety bond, reasonably satisfactory to Lender, to protect Lender's interest.

Duty to Protect. Grantor agrees neither to abandon or leave unattended the Property. Grantor shall do all other acts, in addition to those acts set forth above in this section, which from the character and use of the Property are reasonably necessary to protect and preserve the Property.

Construction Loan. If some or all of the proceeds of the loan creating the Indebtedness are to be used to construct or complete construction of any Improvements on the Property, the Improvements shall be completed no later than the maturity date of the Note (or such earlier date as Lender may reasonably establish) and Grantor shall pay in full all costs and expenses in connection with the work. Lender will

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disburse loan proceeds under such terms and conditions as Lender may deem reasonably necessary to insure that the interest created by this Deed of Trust shall have priority over all possible liens, including those of material suppliers and workmen. Lender may require, among other things, that disbursement requests be supported by receipted bills, expense affidavits, waivers of liens, construction progress reports, and such other documentation as Lender may reasonably request.

TAXES AND LIENS. The following provisions relating to the taxes and liens on the Property are part of this Deed of Trust:

Payment. Grantor shall pay when due (and in all events prior to delinquency) all taxes, special taxes, assessments, charges (including water and sewer), fines and impositions levied against or on account of the Property, and shall pay when due all claims for work done on or for services rendered or material furnished to the Property. Grantor shall maintain the Property free of all liens having priority over or equal to the interest of Lender under this Deed of Trust, except for the lien of taxes and assessments not due, except for the Existing Indebtedness referred to below, and except as otherwise provided in this Deed of Trust.

Right to Contest. Grantor may withhold payment of any tax, assessment, or claim in connection with a good faith dispute over the obligation to pay, so long as Lender's interest in the Property is not jeopardized. If a lien arises or is filed as a result of nonpayment, Grantor shall within fifteen (15) days after the lien arises or, if a lien is filed, within fifteen (15) days after Grantor has notice of the filing, secure the discharge of the lien, or if requested by Lender, deposit with Lender cash or a sufficient corporate surety bond or other security satisfactory to Lender in an amount sufficient to discharge the lien plus any costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, or other charges that could accrue as a result of a foreclosure or sale under the lien. In any contest, Grantor shall defend itself and Lender and shall satisfy any adverse judgment before enforcement against the Property. Grantor shall name Lender as an additional obligee under any surety bond furnished in the contest proceedings.

Evidence of Payment. Grantor shall upon demand furnish to Lender satisfactory evidence of payment of the taxes or assessments and shall authorize the appropriate governmental official to deliver to Lender at any time a written statement of the taxes and assessments against the Property.

Notice of Construction. Grantor shall notify Lender at least fifteen (15) days before any work is commenced, any services are furnished, or any materials are supplied to the Property, if any mechanic's lien, materialmen's lien, or other lien could be asserted on account of the work, services, or materials. Grantor will upon request of Lender furnish to Lender advance assurances satisfactory to Lender that Grantor can and will pay the cost of such improvements.

PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE. The following provisions relating to insuring the Property are a part of this Deed of Trust.

Maintenance of Insurance. Grantor shall procure and maintain policies of fire insurance with standard extended coverage endorsements on a fair value basis for the full insurable value covering all Improvements on the Real Property in an amount sufficient to avoid application of any coinsurance clause, and with a standard mortgagee clause in favor of Lender. Grantor shall also procure and maintain comprehensive general liability insurance in such coverage amounts as Lender may request with Trustee and Lender being named as additional insureds in such liability insurance policies. Additionally, Grantor shall maintain such other insurance, including but not limited to hazard, business interruption, and boiler insurance, as Lender may reasonably require. Policies shall be written in form, amounts, coverages and basis reasonably acceptable to Lender and issued by a company or companies reasonably acceptable to Lender. Grantor, upon request of Lender, will deliver to Lender from time to time the policies or certificates of insurance in form satisfactory to Lender, including stipulations that coverages will not be cancelled or diminished without at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to Lender. Each insurance policy also shall include an endorsement providing that coverage in favor of Lender will not be impaired in any way by any act, omission or default of Grantor or any other person. Should the Real Property be located in an area designated by the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a special flood hazard

area, Grantor agrees to obtain and maintain flood insurance, if available, for the full unpaid principal balance of the loan and any prior liens on the property securing the loan, up to the maximum policy limits set under the National Flood Insurance Program, or as otherwise required by Lender, and to maintain such insurance for the term of the loan. Flood insurance may be purchased under the National Flood Insurance Program, from private insurers providing "private flood insurance" as defined by applicable federal flood insurance statutes and regulations, or from another flood insurance provider that is both acceptable to Lender in its sole discretion and permitted by applicable federal flood insurance statutes and regulations.

Application of Proceeds. Grantor shall promptly notify Lender of any loss or damage to the Property. Lender may make proof of loss if Grantor fails to do so within fifteen (15) days of the casualty. Whether or not Lender's security is impaired, Lender may, at Lender's election, receive and retain the proceeds of any insurance and apply the proceeds to the reduction of the Indebtedness, payment of any lien affecting the Property, or the restoration and repair of the Property. If Lender elects to apply the proceeds to restoration and repair, Grantor shall repair or replace the damaged or destroyed Improvements in a manner satisfactory to Lender. Lender shall, upon satisfactory proof of such expenditure, pay or reimburse Grantor from the proceeds for the reasonable cost of repair or restoration if Grantor is not in default under this Deed of Trust. Any proceeds which have not been disbursed within 180 days after their receipt and which Lender has not committed to the repair or restoration of the Property shall be used first to pay any amount owing to Lender under this Deed of Trust, then to pay accrued interest, and the remainder, if any, shall be applied to the principal balance of the Indebtedness. If Lender holds any proceeds after payment in full of the Indebtedness, such proceeds shall be paid to Grantor as Grantor's interests may appear.

Grantor's Report on Insurance. Upon request of Lender, however not more than once a year, Grantor shall furnish to Lender a report on each existing policy of insurance showing: (1) the name of the insurer; (2) the risks insured; (3) the amount of the policy; (4) the property insured, the then current replacement value of such property, and the manner of determining that value; and (5) the expiration date of the policy. Grantor shall, upon request of Lender, have an independent appraiser satisfactory to Lender determine the cash value replacement cost of the Property.

LENDER'S EXPENDITURES. If any action or proceeding is commenced that would materially affect Lender's interest in the Property or if Grantor fails to comply with any provision of this Deed of Trust or any Related Documents, including but not limited to Grantor's failure to discharge or pay when due any amounts Grantor is required to discharge or pay under this Deed of Trust or any Related Documents, Lender on Grantor's behalf may (but shall not be obligated to) take any action that Lender deems appropriate, including but not limited to discharging or paying all taxes, liens, security interests, encumbrances and other claims, at any time levied or placed on the Property and paying all costs for insuring, maintaining and preserving the Property. All such expenditures incurred or paid by Lender for such purposes will then bear interest at the rate charged under the Note from the date incurred or paid by Lender to the date of repayment by Grantor. All such expenses will become a part of the Indebtedness and, at Lender's option, will (A) be payable on demand; (B) be added to the balance of the Note and be apportioned among and be payable with any installment payments to become due during either (1) the term of any applicable insurance policy; or (2) the remaining term of the Note; or (C) be treated as a balloon payment which will be due and payable at the Note's maturity. The Deed of Trust also will secure payment of these amounts. Such right shall be in addition to all other rights and remedies to which Lender may be entitled upon the occurrence of any Event of Default.

WARRANTY; DEFENSE OF TITLE. The following provisions relating to ownership of the Property are a part of this Deed of Trust:

Title. Grantor warrants that: (a) Grantor holds good and marketable title of record to the Property in fee simple, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances other than those set forth in the Real Property description or in any title insurance policy, title report, or final title opinion issued in favor of, and accepted by, Lender in connection with this Deed of Trust, and (b) Grantor has the full right, power, and authority to execute and deliver this Deed of Trust to Lender.

Defense of Title. Subject to the exception in the paragraph above, Grantor warrants and will forever defend the title to the Property against the lawful claims of all persons. In the event any action or

proceeding is commenced that questions Grantor's title or the interest of Trustee or Lender under this Deed of Trust, Grantor shall defend the action at Grantor's expense. Grantor may be the nominal party in such proceeding, but Lender shall be entitled to participate in the proceeding and to be represented in the proceeding by counsel of Lender's own choice, and Grantor will deliver, or cause to be delivered, to Lender such instruments as Lender may request from time to time to permit such participation.

Compliance With Laws. Grantor warrants that the Property and Grantor's use of the Property complies with all existing applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations of governmental authorities.

Survival of Representations and Warranties. All representations, warranties, and agreements made by Grantor in this Deed of Trust shall survive the execution and delivery of this Deed of Trust, shall be continuing in nature, and shall remain in full force and effect until such time as Grantor's Indebtedness shall be paid in full.

CONDEMNATION. The following provisions relating to condemnation proceedings are a part of this Deed of Trust:

Proceedings. If any proceeding in condemnation is filed, Grantor shall promptly notify Lender in writing, and Grantor shall promptly take such steps as may be necessary to defend the action and obtain the award. Grantor may be the nominal party in such proceeding, but Lender shall be entitled to participate in the proceeding and to be represented in the proceeding by counsel of its own choice, and Grantor will deliver or cause to be delivered to Lender such instruments and documentation as may be requested by Lender from time to time to permit such participation.

Application of Net Proceeds. If all or any part of the Property is condemned by eminent domain proceedings or by any proceeding or purchase in lieu of condemnation, Lender may at its election require that all or any portion of the net proceeds of the award be applied to the Indebtedness or the repair or restoration of the Property. The net proceeds of the award shall mean the award after payment of all reasonable costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees incurred by Trustee or Lender in connection with the condemnation.

IMPOSITION OF TAXES, FEES AND CHARGES BY GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES. The following provisions relating to governmental taxes, fees and charges are a part of this Deed of Trust:

Current Taxes, Fees and Charges. Upon request by Lender, Grantor shall execute such documents in addition to this Deed of Trust and take whatever other action is requested by Lender to perfect and continue Lender's lien on the Real Property. Grantor shall reimburse Lender for all taxes, as described below, together with all expenses incurred in recording, perfecting or continuing this Deed of Trust, including without limitation all taxes, fees, documentary stamps, and other charges for recording or registering this Deed of Trust.

Taxes. The following shall constitute taxes to which this section applies: (1) a specific tax upon this type of Deed of Trust or upon all or any part of the Indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust; (2) a specific tax on Grantor which Grantor is authorized or required to deduct from payments on the Indebtedness secured by this type of Deed of Trust; (3) a tax on this type of Deed of Trust chargeable against the Lender or the holder of the Note; and (4) a specific tax on all or any portion of the Indebtedness or on payments of principal and interest made by Grantor.

Subsequent Taxes. If any tax to which this section applies is enacted subsequent to the date of this Deed of Trust, this event shall have the same effect as an Event of Default, and Lender may exercise any or all of its available remedies for an Event of Default as provided below unless Grantor either (1) pays the tax before it becomes delinquent, or (2) contests the tax as provided above in the Taxes and Liens section and deposits with Lender cash or a sufficient corporate surety bond or other security satisfactory to Lender.

SECURITY AGREEMENT; FINANCING STATEMENTS. The following provisions relating to this Deed of Trust as a security agreement are a part of this Deed of Trust:

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Security Agreement. This instrument shall constitute a Security Agreement to the extent any of the Property constitutes fixtures, and Lender shall have all of the rights of a secured party under the Uniform Commercial Code as amended from time to time.

Security Interest. Upon request by Lender, Grantor shall take whatever action is requested by Lender to perfect and continue Lender's security interest in the Rents and Personal Property. In addition to recording this Deed of Trust in the real property records, Lender may, at any time and without further authorization from Grantor, file executed counterparts, copies or reproductions of this Deed of Trust as a financing statement. Grantor shall reimburse Lender for all expenses incurred in perfecting or continuing this security interest. Upon default, Grantor shall not remove, sever or detach the Personal Property from the Property. Upon default, Grantor shall assemble any Personal Property not affixed to the Property in a manner and at a place reasonably convenient to Grantor and Lender and make it available to Lender within three (3) days after receipt of written demand from Lender to the extent permitted by applicable law.

Addresses. The mailing addresses of Grantor (debtor) and Lender (secured party) from which information concerning the security interest granted by this Deed of Trust may be obtained (each as required by the Uniform Commercial Code) are as stated on the first page of this Deed of Trust.

FURTHER ASSURANCES; ATTORNEY-IN-FACT. The following provisions relating to further assurances and attorney-in-fact are a part of this Deed of Trust:

Further Assurances. At any time, and from time to time, upon request of Lender, Grantor will make, execute and deliver, or will cause to be made, executed or delivered, to Lender or to Lender's designee, and when requested by Lender, cause to be filed, recorded, refiled, or rerecorded, as the case may be, at such times and in such offices and places as Lender may deem appropriate, any and all such mortgages, deeds of trust, security deeds, security agreements, financing statements, continuation statements, instruments of further assurance, certificates, and other documents as may, in the sole opinion of Lender, be necessary or desirable in order to effectuate, complete, perfect, continue, or preserve (1) Grantor's obligations under the Note, this Deed of Trust, and the Related Documents, and (2) the liens and security interests created by this Deed of Trust on the Property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired by Grantor. The lien of this Deed of Trust and the security interest granted hereby will automatically attach, without further act, to all after-acquired property attached to and or used in the operation of the Property or any part thereof. Unless prohibited by law or Lender agrees to the contrary in writing, Grantor shall reimburse Lender for all costs and expenses incurred in connection with the matters referred to in this paragraph.

Attorney-in-Fact. If Grantor fails to do any of the things referred to in the preceding paragraph, Lender may do so for and in the name of Grantor and at Grantor's expense. For such purposes, Grantor hereby irrevocably appoints Lender as Grantor's attorney-in-fact for the purpose of making, executing, delivering, filing, recording, and doing all other things as may be necessary or desirable, in Lender's sole opinion, to accomplish the matters referred to in the preceding paragraph.

FULL PERFORMANCE. If Grantor pays all the Indebtedness, including without limitation all future advances, when due, terminates the line of credit, and otherwise performs all the obligations imposed upon Grantor under this Deed of Trust, Lender shall submit for recording a satisfaction of security instrument and shall execute and deliver to Grantor suitable statements of termination of any financing statement on file evidencing Lender's security interest in the Rents and the Personal Property. Any reconveyance fee required by law shall be paid by Grantor, if permitted by applicable law.

DEFAULT. Each of the following, at Lender's option, shall constitute an Event of Default under this Deed of Trust:

Payment Default. Grantor fails to make any payment when due under the Indebtedness.

Default on Other Payments. Failure of Grantor within the time required by this Deed of Trust to make any payment for taxes or insurance, or any other payment necessary to prevent filing of or to effect discharge of any lien.

Other Defaults. Grantor fails to comply with or to perform any other term, obligation, covenant or

condition contained in this Deed of Trust or in any of the Related Documents or to comply with or to perform any term, obligation, covenant or condition contained in any other agreement between Lender and Grantor.

Compliance Default. Failure to comply with any other term, obligation, covenant or condition contained in this Deed of Trust, the Note or in any of the Related Documents.

Default in Favor of Third Parties. Should Grantor default under any loan, extension of credit, security agreement, purchase or sales agreement, or any other agreement, in favor of any other creditor or person that may materially affect any of Grantor's property or Grantor's ability to repay the Indebtedness or Grantor's ability to perform Grantor's obligations under this Deed of Trust or any of the Related Documents.

False Statements. Any warranty, representation or statement made or furnished to Lender by Grantor or on Grantor's behalf under this Deed of Trust or the Related Documents is false or misleading in any material respect, either now or at the time made or furnished or becomes false or misleading at any time thereafter.

Defective Collateralization. This Deed of Trust or any of the Related Documents ceases to be in full force and effect (including failure of any collateral document to create a valid and perfected security interest or lien) at any time and for any reason.

Insolvency. The dissolution or termination of Grantor's existence as a going business, the insolvency of Grantor, the appointment of a receiver for any part of Grantor's property, any assignment for the benefit of creditors, any type of creditor workout, or the commencement of any proceeding under any bankruptcy or insolvency laws by or against Grantor.

Creditor or Forfeiture Proceedings. Commencement of foreclosure or forfeiture proceedings, whether by judicial proceeding, self-help, repossession or any other method, by any creditor of Grantor or by any governmental agency against any property securing the Indebtedness. This includes a garnishment of any of Grantor's accounts, including deposit accounts, with Lender. However, this Event of Default shall not apply if there is a good faith dispute by Grantor as to the validity or reasonableness of the claim which is the basis of the creditor or forfeiture proceeding and if Grantor gives Lender written notice of the creditor or forfeiture proceeding and deposits with Lender monies or a surety bond for the creditor or forfeiture proceeding, in an amount determined by Lender, in its sole discretion, as being an adequate reserve or bond for the dispute.

Breach of Other Agreement. Any breach by Grantor under the terms of any other agreement between Grantor and Lender that is not remedied within any grace period provided therein, including without limitation any agreement concerning any indebtedness or other obligation of Grantor to Lender, whether existing now or later.

Events Affecting Guarantor. Any of the preceding events occurs with respect to any guarantor, endorser, surety, or accommodation party of any of the Indebtedness or any guarantor, endorser, surety, or accommodation party dies or becomes incompetent, or revokes or disputes the validity of, or liability under, any Guaranty of the Indebtedness.

Adverse Change. A material adverse change occurs in Grantor's financial condition, or Lender believes the prospect of payment or performance of the Indebtedness is impaired.

Insecurity. Lender in good faith believes itself insecure.

RIGHTS AND REMEDIES ON DEFAULT. If an Event of Default occurs under this Deed of Trust, at any time thereafter, Trustee or Lender may exercise any one or more of the following rights and remedies:

Election of Remedies. Election by Lender to pursue any remedy shall not exclude pursuit of any other remedy, and an election to make expenditures or to take action to perform an obligation of Grantor under this Deed of Trust, after Grantor's failure to perform, shall not affect Lender's right to declare a default and exercise its remedies.

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Accelerate Indebtedness. Lender shall have the right at its option without notice to Grantor to declare the entire Indebtedness immediately due and payable, including any prepayment penalty which Grantor would be required to pay.

Express Power of Sale Provision. Upon the application or request of Lender, it shall be lawful for and the duty of the Trustee, and the Trustee is hereby authorized and empowered, to expose to sale and to sell the Property at public auction for cash, after having first complied with all applicable requirements of North Carolina law with respect to the exercise of powers of sale contained in deeds of trust or such other sales appropriate under the circumstances; and upon any such sale, the Trustee shall convey title to the purchaser in fee simple. In the event of any sale under this Deed of Trust by virtue of the exercise of the powers granted in this Deed of Trust, or pursuant to any order and any judicial proceeding or otherwise, the Property may be sold as an entirety or in separate parcels and in such manner or order as Lender in its sole discretion may elect. Trustee shall be authorized to hold a sale pursuant to North Carolina General Statute Chapter 45. If Trustee so elects, Trustee may sell the Property covered by this Deed of Trust at one or more separate sales in any manner permitted by applicable North Carolina law, and any exercise of the powers granted in this Deed of Trust shall not extinguish or exhaust such powers, until the entire Property is sold or the Indebtedness is paid in full. If such Indebtedness is now or hereafter further secured by any chattel mortgages, pledges, contracts of guaranty, assignments of lease or other security instruments, Lender may at its option exercise the remedies granted under any of the security agreements either concurrently or independently and in such order as Lender may determine.

Foreclosure. With respect to all or any part of the Real Property, the Trustee shall have the right to foreclose by notice and sale, and Lender shall have the right to foreclose by judicial foreclosure, in either case in accordance with and to the full extent provided by applicable law.

UCC Remedies. With respect to all or any part of the Personal Property, Lender shall have all the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Uniform Commercial Code.

Collect Rents. Lender shall have the right, without notice to Grantor to take possession of and manage the Property and collect the Rents, including amounts past due and unpaid, and apply the net proceeds, over and above Lender's costs, against the Indebtedness. In furtherance of this right, Lender may require any tenant or other user of the Property to make payments of rent or use fees directly to Lender. If the Rents are collected by Lender, then Grantor irrevocably designates Lender as Grantor's attorney-in-fact to endorse instruments received in payment thereof in the name of Grantor and to negotiate the same and collect the proceeds. Payments by tenants or other users to Lender in response to Lender's demand shall satisfy the obligations for which the payments are made, whether or not any proper grounds for the demand existed. Lender may exercise its rights under this subparagraph either in person, by agent, or through a receiver.

Appoint Receiver. Lender shall have the right to have a receiver appointed to take possession of all or any part of the Property, with the power to protect and preserve the Property, to operate the Property preceding foreclosure or sale, and to collect the Rents from the Property and apply the proceeds, over and above the cost of the receivership, against the Indebtedness. The receiver may serve without bond if permitted by law. Lender's right to the appointment of a receiver shall exist whether or not the apparent value of the Property exceeds the Indebtedness by a substantial amount. Employment by Lender shall not disqualify a person from serving as a receiver.

Tenancy at Sufferance. If Grantor remains in possession of the Property after the Property is sold as provided above or Lender otherwise becomes entitled to possession of the Property upon default of Grantor, Grantor shall become a tenant at sufferance of Lender or the purchaser of the Property and shall, at Lender's option, either (1) pay a reasonable rental for the use of the Property, or (2) vacate the Property immediately upon the demand of Lender.

Other Remedies. Trustee or Lender shall have any other right or remedy provided in this Deed of Trust or the Note or available at law or in equity.

Notice of Sale. Lender shall give Grantor reasonable notice of the time and place of any public sale of the Personal Property or of the time after which any private sale or other intended disposition of the Personal

Property is to be made. Reasonable notice shall mean notice given at least ten (10) days before the time of the sale or disposition. Any sale of the Personal Property may be made in conjunction with any sale of the Real Property.

Sale of the Property. To the extent permitted by applicable law, Grantor hereby waives any and all rights to have the Property marshalled. In exercising its rights and remedies, the Trustee or Lender shall be free to sell all or any part of the Property together or separately, in one sale or by separate sales. Lender shall be entitled to bid at any public sale on all or any portion of the Property.

Attorneys' Fees; Expenses. If Lender institutes any suit or action to enforce any of the terms of this Deed of Trust, Lender shall be entitled to recover such sum as the court may adjudge reasonable as attorneys' fees at trial and upon any appeal. Whether or not any court action is involved, and to the extent not prohibited by law, all reasonable expenses Lender incurs that in Lender's opinion are necessary at any time for the protection of its interest or the enforcement of its rights shall become a part of the Indebtedness payable on demand and shall bear interest at the Note rate from the date of the expenditure until repaid. Expenses covered by this paragraph include, without limitation, however subject to any limits under applicable law, Lender's reasonable attorneys' fees and Lender's legal expenses, whether or not there is a lawsuit, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses for bankruptcy proceedings (including efforts to modify or vacate any automatic stay or injunction), appeals, and any anticipated post-judgment collection services, the cost of searching records, obtaining title reports (including foreclosure reports), surveyors' reports, and appraisal fees, title insurance, and fees for the Trustee, to the extent permitted by applicable law. Grantor also will pay any court costs, in addition to all other sums provided by law.

Rights of Trustee. Trustee shall have all of the rights and duties of Lender as set forth in this section.

POWERS AND OBLIGATIONS OF TRUSTEE. The following provisions relating to the powers and obligations of Trustee are part of this Deed of Trust:

Powers of Trustee. In addition to all powers of Trustee arising as a matter of law, Trustee shall have the power to take the following actions with respect to the Property upon the written request of Lender and Grantor: (a) join in preparing and filing a map or plat of the Real Property, including the dedication of streets or other rights to the public; (b) join in granting any easement or creating any restriction on the Real Property; and (c) join in any subordination or other agreement affecting this Deed of Trust or the interest of Lender under this Deed of Trust.

Trustee. Trustee shall meet all qualifications required for Trustee under applicable law. In addition to the rights and remedies set forth above, with respect to all or any part of the Property, the Trustee shall have the right to foreclose by notice and sale, and Lender shall have the right to foreclose by judicial foreclosure, in either case in accordance with and to the full extent provided by applicable law.

Trustee's Fees. The Trustee's commission shall be five percent (5%) of the gross proceeds of the sale for a completed foreclosure. In the event foreclosure is commenced, but not completed, Grantor shall pay all expenses incurred by Trustee and partial commission computed on five percent (5%) of the outstanding Indebtedness, according to the following schedule: one-fourth of the commission before Trustee issues a notice of hearing on the right to foreclosure; one-half of the commission after issuance of notice of hearing; three-fourths of the commission after a hearing; and the full commission after the initial sale.

Express Power to Substitute a Trustee. Lender shall have the irrevocable right to remove at any time and from time to time without limit the Trustee named in this Deed of Trust without notice or cause and to appoint a successor by an instrument in writing, duly acknowledged, in such a form as to entitle such written instrument to be recorded in the State of North Carolina; and, in the event of the death or resignation of the Trustee named in this Deed of Trust, Lender shall have the right to appoint a successor by such written instrument, and any Trustee so appointed shall be vested with the title to the Property, and shall possess all the powers, duties and obligations herein conferred on the Trustee in the same manner and to the same extent as though the successor trustee were named in this Deed of Trust as Trustee.

NOTICES. Any notice required to be given under this Deed of Trust, including without limitation any notice of

default and any notice of sale shall be given in writing, and shall be effective when actually delivered, when actually received by telefacsimile (unless otherwise required by law), when deposited with a nationally recognized overnight courier, or, if mailed, when deposited in the United States mail, as first class, certified or registered mail postage prepaid, directed to the addresses shown near the beginning of this Deed of Trust. Any party may change its address for notices under this Deed of Trust by giving formal written notice to the other parties, specifying that the purpose of the notice is to change the party's address. For notice purposes, Grantor agrees to keep Lender informed at all times of Grantor's current address. Unless otherwise provided or required by law, if there is more than one Grantor, any notice given by Lender to any Grantor is deemed to be notice given to all Grantors.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS. The following miscellaneous provisions are a part of this Deed of Trust:

Amendments. This Deed of Trust, together with any Related Documents, constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the parties as to the matters set forth in this Deed of Trust. No alteration of or amendment to this Deed of Trust shall be effective unless given in writing and signed by the party or parties sought to be charged or bound by the alteration or amendment.

Annual Reports. If the Property is used for purposes other than Grantor's residence, Grantor shall furnish to Lender, upon request, a certified statement of net operating income received from the Property during Grantor's previous fiscal year in such form and detail as Lender shall require. "Net operating income" shall mean all cash receipts from the Property less all cash expenditures made in connection with the operation of the Property.

Arbitration. Grantor and Lender agree that all disputes, claims and controversies between them whether individual, joint, or class in nature, arising from this Deed of Trust or otherwise, including without limitation contract and tort disputes, shall be arbitrated pursuant to the Rules of the American Arbitration Association in effect at the time the claim is filed, upon request of either party. No act to take or dispose of any Property shall constitute a waiver of this arbitration agreement or be prohibited by this arbitration agreement. This includes, without limitation, obtaining injunctive relief or a temporary restraining order; invoking a power of sale under any deed of trust or mortgage; obtaining a writ of attachment or imposition of a receiver; or exercising any rights relating to personal property, including taking or disposing of such property with or without judicial process pursuant to Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. Any disputes, claims, or controversies concerning the lawfulness or reasonableness of any act, or exercise of any right, concerning any Property, including any claim to rescind, reform, or otherwise modify any agreement relating to the Property, shall also be arbitrated, provided however that no arbitrator shall have the right or the power to enjoin or restrain any act of any party. Judgment upon any award rendered by any arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. Nothing in this Deed of Trust shall preclude any party from seeking equitable relief from a court of competent jurisdiction. The statute of limitations, estoppel, waiver, laches, and similar doctrines which would otherwise be applicable in an action brought by a party shall be applicable in any arbitration proceeding, and the commencement of an arbitration proceeding shall be deemed the commencement of an action for these purposes. The Federal Arbitration Act shall apply to the construction, interpretation, and enforcement of this arbitration provision.

Caption Headings. Caption headings in this Deed of Trust are for convenience purposes only and are not to be used to interpret or define the provisions of this Deed of Trust.

Merger. There shall be no merger of the interest or estate created by this Deed of Trust with any other interest or estate in the Property at any time held by or for the benefit of Lender in any capacity, without the written consent of Lender.

Governing Law. This Deed of Trust will be governed by federal law applicable to Lender and, to the extent not preempted by federal law, the laws of the State of North Carolina without regard to its conflicts of law provisions. This Deed of Trust has been accepted by Lender in the State of North Carolina.

Choice of Venue. If there is a lawsuit, Grantor agrees upon Lender's request to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of Mecklenburg County, State of North Carolina.

No Waiver by Lender. Lender shall not be deemed to have waived any rights under this Deed of Trust unless such waiver is given in writing and signed by Lender. No delay or omission on the part of Lender in exercising any right shall operate as a waiver of such right or any other right. A waiver by Lender of a provision of this Deed of Trust shall not prejudice or constitute a waiver of Lender's right otherwise to demand strict compliance with that provision or any other provision of this Deed of Trust. No prior waiver by Lender, nor any course of dealing between Lender and Grantor, shall constitute a waiver of any of Lender's rights or of any of Grantor's obligations as to any future transactions. Whenever the consent of Lender is required under this Deed of Trust, the granting of such consent by Lender in any instance shall not constitute continuing consent to subsequent instances where such consent is required and in all cases such consent may be granted or withheld in the sole discretion of Lender.

Severability. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds any provision of this Deed of Trust to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable as to any circumstance, that finding shall not make the offending provision illegal, invalid, or unenforceable as to any other circumstance. If feasible, the offending provision shall be considered modified so that it becomes legal, valid and enforceable. If the offending provision cannot be so modified, it shall be considered deleted from this Deed of Trust. Unless otherwise required by law, the illegality, invalidity, or unenforceability of any provision of this Deed of Trust shall not affect the legality, validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Deed of Trust.

Successors and Assigns. Subject to any limitations stated in this Deed of Trust on transfer of Grantor's interest, this Deed of Trust shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their successors and assigns. If ownership of the Property becomes vested in a person other than Grantor, Lender, without notice to Grantor, may deal with Grantor's successors with reference to this Deed of Trust and the Indebtedness by way of forbearance or extension without releasing Grantor from the obligations of this Deed of Trust or liability under the Indebtedness.

Time is of the Essence. Time is of the essence in the performance of this Deed of Trust.

DEFINITIONS. The following capitalized words and terms shall have the following meanings when used in this Deed of Trust. Unless specifically stated to the contrary, all references to dollar amounts shall mean amounts in lawful money of the United States of America. Words and terms used in the singular shall include the plural, and the plural shall include the singular, as the context may require. Words and terms not otherwise defined in this Deed of Trust shall have the meanings attributed to such terms in the Uniform Commercial Code:

Beneficiary. The word "Beneficiary" means Aquesta Bank, and its successors and assigns.

Borrower. The word "Borrower" means Cornelius Arts/Community Center, Inc. and includes all co-signers and co-makers signing the Note and all their successors and assigns.

Deed of Trust. The words "Deed of Trust" mean this Deed of Trust among Grantor, Lender, and Trustee, and includes without limitation all assignment and security interest provisions relating to the Personal Property and Rents.

Environmental Laws. The words "Environmental Laws" mean any and all state, federal and local statutes, regulations and ordinances relating to the protection of human health or the environment, including without limitation the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601, et seq. ("CERCLA"), the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-499 ("SARA"), the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, 49 U.S.C. Section 1801, et seq., the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 6901, et seq., or other applicable state or federal laws, rules, or regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

Event of Default. The words "Event of Default" mean any of the events of default set forth in this Deed of Trust in the default section of this Deed of Trust.

Existing Indebtedness. The words "Existing Indebtedness" mean the indebtedness described in the Existing Liens provision of this Deed of Trust.

Grantor. The word "Grantor" means Cornelius Arts/Community Center, Inc. .

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Guaranty. The word "Guaranty" means the guaranty from guarantor, endorser, surety, or accommodation party to Lender, including without limitation a guaranty of all or part of the Note.

Hazardous Substances. The words "Hazardous Substances" mean materials that, because of their quantity, concentration or physical, chemical or infectious characteristics, may cause or pose a present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly used, treated, stored, disposed of, generated, manufactured, transported or otherwise handled. The words "Hazardous Substances" are used in their very broadest sense and include without limitation any and all hazardous or toxic substances, materials or waste as defined by or listed under the Environmental Laws. The term "Hazardous Substances" also includes, without limitation, petroleum and petroleum by-products or any fraction thereof and asbestos.

Improvements. The word "Improvements" means all existing and future improvements, buildings, structures, mobile homes affixed on the Real Property, facilities, additions, replacements and other construction on the Real Property.

Indebtedness. The word "Indebtedness" means all principal, interest, and other amounts, costs and expenses payable under the Note or Related Documents, together with all renewals of, extensions of, modifications of, consolidations of and substitutions for the Note or Related Documents and any amounts expended or advanced by Lender to discharge Grantor's obligations or expenses incurred by Trustee or Lender to enforce Grantor's obligations under this Deed of Trust, together with interest on such amounts as provided in this Deed of Trust.

Lender. The word "Lender" means Aquesta Bank, its successors and assigns.

Note. The word "Note" means the promissory note dated May 24, 2021, in the original principal amount of **\$7,500,000.00** from Grantor to Lender, together with all renewals of, extensions of, modifications of, refinancings of, consolidations of, and substitutions for the promissory note or agreement.

Personal Property. The words "Personal Property" mean all equipment, fixtures, and other articles of personal property now or hereafter owned by Grantor, and now or hereafter attached or affixed to the Real Property; together with all accessions, parts, and additions to, all replacements of, and all substitutions for, any of such property; and together with all proceeds (including without limitation all insurance proceeds and refunds of premiums) from any sale or other disposition of the Property.

Property. The word "Property" means collectively the Real Property and the Personal Property.

Real Property. The words "Real Property" mean the real property, interests and rights, as further described in this Deed of Trust.

Related Documents. The words "Related Documents" mean all promissory notes, credit agreements, loan agreements, environmental agreements, guaranties, security agreements, mortgages, deeds of trust, security deeds, collateral mortgages, and all other instruments, agreements and documents, whether now or hereafter existing, executed in connection with the Indebtedness.

Rents. The word "Rents" means all present and future rents, revenues, income, issues, royalties, profits, and other benefits derived from the Property.

GRANTOR ACKNOWLEDGES HAVING READ ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THIS DEED OF TRUST, AND GRANTOR AGREES TO ITS TERMS.

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GRANTOR:

CORNELIUS ARTS/COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

By: _____
Gregory J. Wessling

CORPORATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF _____)

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COUNTY OF _____)

I, _____, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that **Gregory J. Wessling**, _____ of **Cornelius Arts/Community Center, Inc.** personally came before me this day and acknowledged that he (or she) is _____ of **Cornelius Arts/Community Center, Inc.**, a corporation, and that he/she, as _____ of **Cornelius Arts/Community Center, Inc.** being authorized to do so executed the foregoing on behalf of the corporation.

Witness my hand and Notarial Seal this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

(Affix Notarial Seal Here)