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This Deed of Trust prepared by:

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Legal by David A. Wallace Box 60
Evan T. Parsons, Senior Vice President

THIS DEED OF TRUST is dated September 27, 2021, among V PLUS, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company ("Grantor"); TRUIST BANK, whose address is Winston - Salem - Commercial Loans, 110 S Stratford Rd Fl 2, Winston Salem, NC 27104-4244 (referred to below sometimes as "Lender" and sometimes as "Beneficiary"); and BB&T COLLATERAL SERVICE CORPORATION, whose address is P.O. Box 1290, Whiteville, NC 28472 (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 Forsyth 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

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this Deed of Trust as if fully set forth herein.

The Real Property or its address is commonly known as 233 N. Sunset Drive, Winston Salem, NC 27101. The Real Property tax identification number is 6825-65-7991.

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.

CROSS-COLLATERALIZATION. In addition to the Note, this Deed of Trust secures all obligations, debts and liabilities, plus interest thereon, of Grantor to Lender, or any one or more of them, as well as all claims by Lender against Grantor or any one or more of them, whether now existing or hereafter arising, whether related or unrelated to the purpose of the Note, whether voluntary or otherwise, whether due or not due, direct or indirect, determined or undetermined, absolute or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, whether Grantor may be liable individually or jointly with others, whether obligated as guarantor, surety, accommodation party or otherwise, and whether recovery upon such amounts may be or hereafter may become barred by any statute of limitations, and whether the obligation to repay such amounts may be or hereafter may become otherwise unenforceable.

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 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 Three Hundred Six Thousand & 00/100 Dollars (\$306,000.00) 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 Three Hundred Six Thousand & 00/100 Dollars (\$306,000.00.) 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 or until Lender exercises its right to collect Rents as provided for in the Assignment of Rents form executed by Grantor in connection with the Property, Grantor may (1) remain in possession and control of the Property; (2) use, operate or manage

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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.

Without otherwise limiting Grantor's covenants as provided herein, Grantor shall not without Lender's prior written consent, remove or permit the removal of sand, gravel or topsoil, or engage in borrow pit operations, or use or permit the use of the Property as a land fill or dump, or store, burn or bury or permit the storage, burning or burying of any material or product which may result in contamination of the Property or the groundwater or which may require the issuance of a permit by the Environmental Protection Agency or any state or local government agency governing the issuance of hazardous or toxic waste permits, or request or permit a change in zoning or land use classification, or cut or remove or suffer the cutting or removal of any trees or timber from the Property.

At its sole cost and expense, Grantor shall comply with and shall cause all occupants of the Property to comply with all Environmental Laws with respect to the disposal of industrial refuse or waste, and/or the discharge, processing, manufacture, generation, treatment, removal, transportation, storage and handling of Hazardous Substances, and pay immediately when due the cost of removal of any such wastes or substances from, and keep the Property free of any lien imposed pursuant to such laws, rules, regulations and orders.

Grantor shall not install or permit to be installed in or on the Property, friable asbestos or any substance containing asbestos and deemed hazardous by federal, state or local laws, rules, regulations or orders respecting such material. Grantor shall further not install or permit the installation of any machinery, equipment or fixtures containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) on or in the Property. With respect to

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any such material or materials currently present in or on the Property, Grantor shall promptly comply with all applicable Environmental Laws regarding the safe removal thereof, at Grantor's expense.

Grantor shall indemnify and defend Lender and hold Lender harmless from and against all loss, cost, damage and expense (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and costs incurred in the investigation, defense and settlement of claims) that Lender may incur as a result of or in connection with the assertion against Lender of any claim relating to the presence or removal of any Hazardous Substance, or compliance with any Environmental Law. No notice from any governmental body has ever been served upon Grantor or, to Grantor's knowledge after due inquiry, upon any prior owner of the Property, claiming a violation of or under any Environmental Law or concerning the environmental state, condition or quality of the Property, or the use thereof, or requiring or calling attention to the need for any work, repairs, construction, removal, cleanup, alterations, demolition, renovation or installation on, or in connection with, the Property in order to comply with any Environmental Law; and upon receipt of any such notice, Grantor shall take any and all steps, and shall perform any and all actions necessary or appropriate to comply with the same, at Grantor's expense. In the event Grantor fails to do so, Lender may declare this Deed of Trust to be in default.

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.

DUE ON SALE - CONSENT BY LENDER. Lender may, at Lender's option, declare immediately due and payable all sums secured by this Deed of Trust upon the sale or transfer, without Lender's prior written consent, of all or any part of the Real Property, or any interest in the Real Property. A "sale or transfer" means the conveyance of Real Property or any right, title or interest in the Real Property; whether legal, beneficial or equitable; whether voluntary or involuntary; whether by outright sale, deed, installment sale contract, land contract, contract for deed, leasehold interest with a term greater than three (3) years, lease-option contract, or by sale, assignment, or transfer of any beneficial interest in or to any land trust holding title to the Real Property, or by any other method of conveyance of an interest in the Real Property. If any Grantor is a corporation, partnership or limited liability company, transfer also includes any restructuring of the legal entity (whether by merger, division or otherwise) or any change in ownership of more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting stock, partnership interests or limited liability company interests, as the case may be, of such Grantor. However, this option shall not be exercised by Lender if such exercise is prohibited by federal law or

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by North Carolina law.

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 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 replacement 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. All policies shall provide that the policies shall not be invalidated by any waiver of the right of subrogation by any insured and shall provide that the carrier shall have no right to be subrogated 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, within 45 days after notice is given by Lender that the Property is located in a special flood hazard area, 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

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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.

Unexpired Insurance at Sale. Any unexpired insurance shall inure to the benefit of, and pass to, the purchaser of the Property covered by this Deed of Trust at any trustee's sale or other sale held under the provisions of this Deed of Trust, or at any foreclosure sale of such Property.

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.

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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:

Notice of Proceedings. Grantor shall immediately notify Lender in writing should all or any part of the Property become subject to any condemnation or expropriation proceedings or other similar proceedings, including without limitation, any condemnation, confiscation, eminent domain, inverse condemnation or temporary requisition or taking of the mortgaged Property, or any part or parts of the Property. Grantor further agrees to promptly take such steps as may be necessary and proper within Lender's sole judgment and at Grantor's expense, to defend any such condemnation or expropriation proceedings and obtain the proceeds derived from such proceedings. Grantor shall not agree to any settlement or compromise or any condemnation or expropriation claim without Lender's prior written consent.

Lender's Participation. Lender may, at Lender's sole option, elect to participate in any such condemnation or expropriation proceedings and be represented by counsel of Lender's choice. Grantor agrees to provide Lender with such documentation as Lender may request to permit Lender to so participate and to reimburse Lender for Lender's costs associated with Lender's participation, including Lender's reasonable attorneys' fees.

Conduct of Proceedings. If Grantor fails to defend any such condemnation or expropriation proceedings to Lender's satisfaction, Lender may undertake the defense of such a proceeding for and on behalf of Grantor. To this end, Grantor irrevocably appoints Lender as Grantor's agent and attorney-in-fact, such agency being coupled with an interest, to bring, defend, adjudicate, settle, or otherwise compromise such condemnation or expropriation claims; it being understood, however, that, unless one or more Events of Default (other than the condemnation or expropriation of the Property) then exists under this Deed of Trust, Lender will not agree to any final settlement or compromise of any such condemnation or expropriation claim without Grantor's prior approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Application of Net Proceeds. Lender shall have the right to receive all proceeds derived or to be derived from the condemnation, expropriation, confiscation, eminent domain, inverse condemnation, or any permanent or temporary requisition or taking of the Property, or any part or parts of the Property ("condemnation proceeds"). In the event that Grantor should receive any such condemnation proceeds, Grantor agrees to immediately turn over and to pay such proceeds to Lender. All condemnation proceeds, which are received by, or which are payable to either Grantor or Lender, shall be applied, at Lender's sole option and discretion, and in such manner as Lender may determine (after payment of all reasonable costs, expenses and attorneys' fees necessarily paid or incurred by Grantor and/or Lender), for the purpose of: (a) replacing or restoring the condemned, expropriated, confiscated, or taken Property; or (b) reducing the then outstanding balance of the Indebtedness, together with interest thereon, with such payments being applied in the manner provided in this Deed of Trust. Lender's receipt of such condemnation proceeds and the application of such proceeds as provided in this Deed of Trust shall not affect the lien of this Deed of Trust.

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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:

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 as first and prior liens on the Property, whether now owned or hereafter

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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, 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.

Environmental Default. Failure of any party to comply with or perform when due any term, obligation, covenant or condition contained in any environmental agreement executed in connection with the Property.

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, or made by Guarantor, or any other guarantor, endorser, surety, or accommodation party, under this Deed of Trust or the Related Documents in connection with the obtaining of the Indebtedness evidenced by the Note or any security document directly or indirectly securing repayment of the Note 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.

Death or Insolvency. The dissolution of Grantor's (regardless of whether election to continue is made), any member withdraws from the limited liability company, or any other termination of Grantor's existence as a going business or the death of any member, the insolvency of Grantor, the appointment of a receiver for

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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.

Execution; Attachment. Any execution or attachment is levied against the Property, and such execution or attachment is not set aside, discharged or stayed within thirty (30) days after the same is levied.

Change in Zoning or Public Restriction. Any change in any zoning ordinance or regulation or any other public restriction is enacted, adopted or implemented, that limits or defines the uses which may be made of the Property such that the present or intended use of the Property, as specified in the Related Documents, would be in violation of such zoning ordinance or regulation or public restriction, as changed.

Default Under Other Lien Documents. A default occurs under any other mortgage, deed of trust or security agreement covering all or any portion of the Property.

Judgment. Unless adequately covered by insurance in the opinion of Lender, the entry of a final judgment for the payment of money involving more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) against Grantor and the failure by Grantor to discharge the same, or cause it to be discharged, or bonded off to Lender's satisfaction, within thirty (30) days from the date of the order, decree or process under which or pursuant to which such judgment was entered.

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, or any other guarantor, endorser, surety, or accommodation party of any of the Indebtedness or any Guarantor, or any other 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.

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.

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

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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.

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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

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notice given to all Grantors.

CHOICE OF VENUE. Any legal action with respect to the Indebtedness evidenced by this instrument or agreement may be brought in the courts of the State/Commonwealth/District in which Lender's branch office or the Property is located or in the appropriate United States District Court situated in such State/Commonwealth/District, and Grantor hereby accepts and unconditionally submits to the jurisdiction of such courts. Grantor hereby waives any objection to the laying of venue based on the grounds of forum non conveniens with respect thereto.

APPRAISALS. Should (i) Lender at any time in good faith believe that the fair market value of the Real Property has declined below the appraised value utilized by Lender in extending credit or any renewal thereof; (ii) there be a default or event of default under the Note or this Deed of Trust; (iii) there be a renewal, forbearance or restructure of any indebtedness secured under this Deed of Trust; (iv) any applicable law or regulation require Grantor to obtain a current appraisal or valuation; (v) there be any condemnation or material damage to the Real Property; (vi) Lender determine that there has been a material adverse change in the financial condition or business operation of Grantor, Borrower, guarantor, or other obligor; (vii) Borrower or Grantor request additional extensions of credit secured by this Deed of Trust; or (viii) Grantor's use of the Real Property becomes restricted, impaired or materially changed from its intended use on the date hereof; Lender may, at the expense of Grantor and Borrower, obtain an appraisal or valuation of the Real Property from an appraiser retained by Lender and thereafter, may obtain such updated appraisals or valuation as Lender shall deem appropriate. Grantor shall cooperate fully with any such appraiser in connection with the preparation of any appraisal or valuation. Grantor shall reimburse Lender the cost of such appraisal or valuation within ten (10) days of request to do so. Any cost incurred by Lender pursuant to this paragraph shall be secured by this Deed of Trust.

WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. UNLESS EXPRESSLY PROHIBITED BY APPLICABLE LAW, EACH GRANTOR AND LENDER, IF A PARTY HERETO, HEREBY WAIVES THE RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY MATTERS OR CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF THIS INSTRUMENT OR AGREEMENT, ANY OF THE OTHER DOCUMENTS EXECUTED IN CONNECTION HERewith OR OUT OF THE CONDUCT OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ANY GRANTOR AND LENDER. THIS PROVISION IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT FOR LENDER TO MAKE THE LOAN AND ENTER INTO THIS INSTRUMENT OR AGREEMENT. EACH GRANTOR HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT NEITHER ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF LENDER, NOR LENDER'S COUNSEL, HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT LENDER WOULD NOT SEEK TO ENFORCE THIS WAIVER OF RIGHT TO JURY TRIAL PROVISION. FURTHER, NEITHER ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF LENDER, NOR LENDER'S COUNSEL, HAS THE AUTHORITY TO WAIVE, CONDITION OR MODIFY THIS PROVISION.

CONVEYANCE OF DECLARANT RIGHTS. As additional consideration for the Indebtedness and other valuable consideration received, Grantor hereby grants and conveys unto Trustee for the benefit of Lender all of Grantor's rights as a declarant or developer under any Declaration of Condominium, Homeowners' Association, commercial property owner's association, or similar organization or association now or hereafter in effect with respect to the Property.

INDEMNIFICATION. In the event that the Beneficiary or Trustee voluntarily or otherwise shall become parties to any suit or legal proceeding involving the Property, they shall be indemnified and saved harmless and shall be reimbursed by Grantor for any amounts paid, including all costs, charges and attorneys' fees incurred in any such suit or proceeding, and the same shall be secured by this Deed of Trust and payable upon demand.

ADDITIONAL INDEBTEDNESS SECURED. This security instrument shall secure the Indebtedness and any other amounts as set forth herein which Grantor or Borrower may owe to Lender, whether direct or indirect, now existing or hereafter arising, contingent or otherwise, and whether arising under this security instrument or otherwise, including without limitation (i) any advances made by Lender to pay drawings on any irrevocable standby or commercial letter of credit issued on the account of Grantor or Borrower pursuant to an application therefor, (ii) any obligation under a Hedge Agreement. "Hedge Agreement" means an agreement between Borrower and Lender, now existing or hereafter entered into, which provides for an interest rate, credit, commodity, equity swap, cap floor, collar, spot or forward foreign exchange transaction, currency swap, cross-currency rate swap, currency option or any similar transaction or any combination of, or option with

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respect to, these or similar transactions, for the purpose of hedging Grantor's or Borrower's exposure to fluctuations in interest or exchange rates, loan, credit, exchange, security or currency valuations or currency prices pursuant to any ISDA Master Agreement executed by Grantor or Borrower and all Schedules and Confirmations entered into in connection therewith or otherwise, (iii) all amounts expended to preserve or protect the Property, and (iv) all Lender's Expenditures as set forth herein, all of which shall be included in the Indebtedness, as defined herein.

UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE. All references to the Uniform Commercial Code or UCC herein shall be to the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted by and under the laws of the jurisdiction governing this instrument or agreement.

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.

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.

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.

Non-Liability of Lender. The relationship between Grantor and Lender created by this Deed of Trust is strictly a debtor and creditor relationship and not fiduciary in nature, nor is the relationship to be construed as creating any partnership or joint venture between Lender and Grantor. Grantor is exercising Grantor's own judgment with respect to Grantor's business. All information supplied to Lender is for Lender's

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protection only and no other party is entitled to rely on such information. There is no duty for Lender to review, inspect, supervise or inform Grantor of any matter with respect to Grantor's business. Lender and Grantor intend that Lender may reasonably rely on all information supplied by Grantor to Lender, together with all representations and warranties given by Grantor to Lender, without investigation or confirmation by Lender and that any investigation or failure to investigate will not diminish Lender's right to so rely.

Sole Discretion of Lender. Whenever Lender's consent or approval is required under this Deed of Trust, the decision as to whether or not to consent or approve shall be in the sole and exclusive discretion of Lender and Lender's decision shall be final and conclusive.

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 TRUIST BANK, and its successors and assigns.

Borrower. The word "Borrower" means V PLUS, LLC 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 individually, collectively, and interchangeably any of the events of default set forth in this Deed of Trust in the default section of this Deed of Trust.

Grantor. The word "Grantor" means V PLUS, LLC.

Guarantor. The word "Guarantor" means any guarantor, surety, or accommodation party of any or all of the Indebtedness, and, in each case, the successors, assigns, heirs, personal representatives, executors and administrators of any guarantor, surety, or accommodation party.

Guaranty. The word "Guaranty" means the guaranty from Guarantor, or any other 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,

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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. Specifically, without limitation, Indebtedness includes the future advances set forth in the Future Advances provision, together with all interest thereon and all amounts that may be indirectly secured by the Cross-Collateralization provision of this Deed of Trust.

Lender. The word "Lender" means TRUIST BANK, its successors and assigns.

Note. The word "Note" means the promissory note dated September 27, 2021, in the original principal amount of **\$306,000.00** 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.

Trustee. The word "Trustee" means BB&T COLLATERAL SERVICE CORPORATION, whose address is P.O. Box 1290, Whiteville, NC 28472 and any substitute or successor trustees.

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

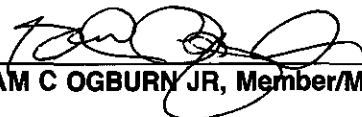
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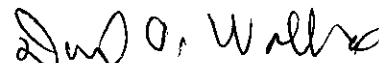
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LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF North Carolina)
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 COUNTY OF Forsyth)

I, David A. Wallace, a Notary Public for said County and State, certify that **SAM C OGBURN JR, Member/Manager of V PLUS, LLC** personally came before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument in writing by himself or herself for **V PLUS, LLC**, a limited liability company, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Witness my hand and Notarial Seal this the 27 day of September, 2021.


 Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 11-29-2024

(Affix Notarial Seal Here)

DAVID A. WALLACE Notary Public - North Carolina Forsyth County
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Tact 1: BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED as Lot 4 as shown on the plat entitled "MAP SHOWING SUNSET DRIVE PROPERTY OWNED BY LEAK-COBB COMPANY" as recorded in Plat Book 2 at Page 48 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Forsyth County, North Carolina, reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description.

Tract 2: BEGINNING at an iron stake in the east line of Sunset Drive, the southwest corner of lot No. 4 above described; thence with the east line of Sunset Drive in a Southerly direction 25.4 feet to a stake, the northwest corner of the lot sold to Fincannon (see book 609, page 125); thence South 87 deg. East 214.47 feet to an iron stake in the west line of an alley Northwardly with the west line of said alley 30.7 feet to an iron stake, the southeast corner of Lot 4; thence in a Westerly direction with the south line of Lot 4 219.94 feet to the point of BEGINNING, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED as the northern portion Lot 5 as shown on the plat entitled "MAP SHOWING SUNSET DRIVE PROPERTY OWNED BY LEAK-COBB COMPANY" as recorded in Plat Book 2 at Page 48 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Forsyth County, North Carolina, reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description.

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