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**INDIANA  
OPEN-END MORTGAGE  
(Securing Future Advances)**

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This Mortgage is made in February 5, 1997. The mortgagor is Daniel G. Miller and Gayla K. Miller Husband and Wife ("Borrower"). This Mortgage is given to MBNA Consumer Services, Inc., a Delaware Corporation whose address is 400 Christiana Road, Newark, Delaware 19713. In this Mortgage, the terms "you", "your" and "yours" refer to the mortgagor(s). The terms "we", "us" and "our" refer to MBNA Consumer Services, Inc.

Pursuant to a Home Equity Line of Credit Agreement dated the same date as this Mortgage ("Agreement"), you may incur maximum unpaid loan indebtedness (exclusive of interest thereon) in amounts fluctuating from time to time up to the maximum principal sum outstanding at any time of Thirty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (U.S. \$30,000.00). The Agreement provides for a final scheduled installment due and payable on February 5, 2017. You agree that this Mortgage shall continue to secure all sums now or hereafter advanced under the terms of the Agreement including, without limitation, such sums that are advanced by us whether or not at the time the sums are advanced there is any principal sum outstanding under the Agreement. The maximum principal amount of all loan advances and other sums secured by the Mortgage shall not exceed \$30,000.00 at any time. The parties hereto intend that this mortgage shall secure unpaid balances, and all other amounts due to us hereunder and under the Agreement.

This Mortgage secures to us: (a) the repayment of the debt evidenced by the Agreement, with interest, and all refinancings, renewals, extensions and modifications of the Agreement; (b) the payment of all other sums, with interest, advanced under this Mortgage to protect the security of this Mortgage; and (c) the performance of your covenants and agreements under this Mortgage and the Agreement. For this purpose and in consideration of the debt, you do hereby mortgage, warrant, grant and convey to us and our successors and assigns the property located in Lake County, IN and more fully described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, which property is more commonly known as 6924 West 85th Court, Crown Point, IN 46307 ("Property Address").

**TOGETHER WITH** all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, rights, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this Mortgage. All of the foregoing is referred to in this Mortgage as the "Property."

**YOU COVENANT** that you are lawfully seized of the estate hereby conveyed and have the right to mortgage, grant and convey the Property and that the Property is unencumbered, except for encumbrances of record. You warrant and will defend generally the title to the Property against all claims and demands, subject to any encumbrances of record.

**YOU AND WE** covenant and agree as follows:

**1. Payment of Principal, Interest and Other Charges.** You shall pay when due the principal of and interest owing under the Agreement and all other charges due under the Agreement.

**2. Prior Mortgages; Charges; Liens.** You shall perform all of your obligations under any mortgage, deed of trust or other security instruments with a lien which has priority over this Mortgage, including your covenants to make payments when due. You shall pay all taxes, assessments, charges, fines and impositions attributable to the Property which may attain priority over this Mortgage or any advance under this Mortgage, and leasehold payments or ground rents, if any. Upon our request, you shall promptly furnish to us all notices of amounts to be paid under this paragraph and receipts evidencing any such payments you make directly.

You shall promptly discharge any lien (other than a lien disclosed to us in your application or in any title report we obtained) which has priority over this Mortgage or any advance to be made under the Agreement or this Mortgage.

**3. Hazard Insurance.** You shall keep the Property insured against loss by fire, hazards included within the term "extended coverage" and any other hazards, including floods or flooding, for which we require insurance. This insurance shall be maintained in the amounts and for the periods that we require. You may choose any insurer reasonably acceptable to us.

Insurance policies and renewals shall be acceptable to us and shall include a standard mortgage clause. If we require, you shall promptly give us all receipts of paid premiums and renewal notices. You shall promptly notify the insurer and us of any loss. We may make proof of loss if you do not promptly do so.

Insurance proceeds shall be applied to restore or repair the Property damaged, if restoration or repair is economically feasible and our security would not be lessened. Otherwise, insurance proceeds shall be applied to sums secured by this Mortgage, whether or not then due, with any excess paid to you. If you abandon the Property, or do not answer within 30 days our notice to you that the insurer has offered to settle a claim, then

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we may collect and use the proceeds to repair or restore the Property or to pay sums secured by this Mortgage, whether or not then due. The 30-day period will begin when notice is given.

Any application of proceeds to principal shall not require us to extend or postpone the due date of monthly payments. If we acquire the Property at a forced sale following your default, your right to any insurance proceeds resulting from damage to the Property prior to the acquisition shall pass to us to the extent of the sums secured by this Mortgage immediately prior to the acquisition.

**4. Preservation and Maintenance of Property; Leaseholds.** You shall not destroy, damage or substantially change the Property, allow the Property to deteriorate, or commit waste. If this Mortgage is on a leasehold, you shall comply with the lease. If you acquire fee title to the Property, the leasehold and fee title shall not merge unless we agree to the merger in writing.

**5. Protection of Our Rights in the Property; Mortgage Insurance.** If you fail to perform the covenants and agreements contained in this Mortgage, or there is a legal proceeding that may significantly affect our rights in the Property (such as a proceeding in bankruptcy, probate, for condemnation or forfeiture or to enforce laws or regulations), then we may do, and pay for, anything necessary to protect the Property's value and our rights in the Property. Our actions may include paying any sums secured by a lien which has priority over this Mortgage or any advance under the Agreement or this Mortgage, appearing in court, paying reasonable attorneys' fees, paying any sums which you are required to pay under this Mortgage and entering on the Property to make repairs. We do not have to take any action we are permitted to take under this paragraph. Any amounts we pay under this paragraph shall become additional debts you owe us and shall be secured by this Mortgage. These amounts shall bear interest from the disbursement date at the rate established under the Agreement and shall be payable, with interest, upon our request.

If we required mortgage insurance as a condition of making the loan secured by this Mortgage, you shall pay the premiums for such insurance until such time as the requirement for the insurance terminates.

**6. Inspection.** We may inspect the Property at any reasonable time and upon reasonable notice.

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

**8. You Are Not Released; Forbearance by Us Not a Waiver.** Extension of time for payment or modification of amortization of the sums secured by this Mortgage granted by us to you or any of your successors in interest shall not operate to release your liability or the liability of your successors in interest. We shall not be required to commence proceedings against you or any successor in interest, refuse to extend time for payment or otherwise modify amortization of the sums secured by this Mortgage by reason of any demand made by you or your successors in interest. Our forbearance in exercising any right or remedy shall not waive or preclude the exercise of any right or remedy.

**9. Successors and Assigns Bound; Joint and Several Liability; Co-signers.** The covenants and agreements of this Mortgage shall bind and benefit your successors and permitted assigns. Your covenants and agreements shall be joint and several. Any person who co-signs this Mortgage but does not execute the Agreement: (a) is co-signing this Mortgage only to mortgage, grant and convey such person's interest in the Property; (b) is not personally obligated to pay any sums due under the Agreement, but is obligated to pay all other sums secured by this Mortgage; and (c) agrees that we and anyone else who signs this Mortgage may agree to extend, modify, forbear or make any accommodations regarding the terms of this Mortgage or the Agreement without such person's consent.

**10. Notices.** Unless otherwise required by law, any notice to you provided for in this Mortgage shall be delivered or mailed by first class mail to the Property Address or any other address you designate by notice to us. Unless otherwise required by law, any notice to us shall be given by first class mail to our address stated above or any other address we designate by notice to you.

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

**12. Transfer of the Property.** If all or any part of the Property or any interest in it is sold or transferred, or if you enter into a contract to sell or transfer all or any part of the Property or any interest in it without our prior written consent, we may, at our option, require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Mortgage. However, this option shall not be exercised by us if such exercise is prohibited by federal law as of the date of this Mortgage.

**13. Sale of Agreement; Change of Loan Servicer.** The Agreement or a partial interest in the Agreement (together with this Mortgage) may be sold one or more times without prior notice to you. A sale may result in a change in the entity (known as the "Loan Servicer") that collects monthly payments due under the Agreement and this Mortgage. There also may be one or more changes of the Loan Servicer unrelated to the sale

of the Agreement. If there is a change of the Loan Servicer, you will be given written notice of the change as required by applicable law. The notice will state the name and address of the new Loan Servicer and the address to which payments should be made. The notice will also contain any information required by applicable law.

**14. Hazardous Substances.** You shall not cause or permit the presence, use, disposal, storage, or release of any Hazardous Substances on or in the Property. You shall not do, nor allow anyone else to do, anything affecting the Property that is in violation of any Environmental Law. The preceding two sentences shall not apply to the presence, use, or storage on the Property of Hazardous Substances in quantities that are generally recognized to be appropriate to normal residential uses and to maintenance of the Property.

You shall promptly give us written notice of any investigation, claim, demand, lawsuit or other action by any governmental or regulatory agency or private party involving the Property and any Hazardous Substance or Environmental Law of which you have actual knowledge. If you learn or are notified by any government or regulatory authority, that any removal or other remediation of any Hazardous Substance affecting the Property is necessary, you shall promptly take all necessary remedial actions in accordance with Environmental Law.

As used in this Mortgage, "Hazardous Substances" are those substances defined as toxic or hazardous substances by Environmental Law and the following substances: gasoline, kerosene, other flammable or toxic petroleum products, toxic pesticides and herbicides, volatile solvents, materials containing asbestos or formaldehyde, and radioactive materials. As used in this Mortgage, "Environmental Law" means federal laws and laws of the jurisdiction where the Property is located that relate to health, safety or environmental protection.

**15. Acceleration; Remedies.** Except as provided in paragraph 12 hereof, upon your breach of any covenant or agreement by you in this Mortgage, including the covenants to pay when due any sums secured by this Mortgage, we, prior to acceleration, shall give notice to you as provided in paragraph 10 hereof specifying: (1) the breach; (2) the action required to cure such breach; (3) a date, not less than 30 days from the date the notice is mailed to you, by which such breach must be cured; and (4) that failure to cure such breach on or before the date specified in the notice may result in acceleration of the sums secured by this Mortgage, foreclosure by judicial proceeding, and sale of the Property. The notice shall further inform you of the right to reinstate after acceleration and the right to assert in the foreclosure proceeding the nonexistence of a default or any other defense you may have to acceleration and foreclosure. If the breach is not cured on or before the date specified in the notice, we, at our option, may declare all of the sums secured by this Mortgage to be immediately due and payable without further demand and may foreclose this Mortgage by judicial proceeding. We shall be entitled to collect in such proceeding all expenses of foreclosure, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of documentary evidence, abstracts and title reports.

**16. Your Right to Reinstate.** Notwithstanding our acceleration of the sums secured by this Mortgage due to your breach, you shall have the right to have any proceedings begun by us to enforce this Mortgage discontinued at any time prior to entry of a judgment enforcing this Mortgage if: (a) you pay us all sums which would be then due under this Mortgage and the Note had not acceleration occurred; (b) you pay all reasonable expenses incurred by us in enforcing your covenants and agreements contained in this Mortgage, and in enforcing our remedies as provided in paragraph 15 hereof, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees; and (c) you take such action as we may reasonably require to assure that the lien of this Mortgage, our interest in the Property and your obligation to pay the sums secured by this Mortgage shall continue unimpaired. Upon such payment and cure by you, this Mortgage and the obligations secured hereby shall remain in full force and effect as if no acceleration had occurred.

**17. Assignment of Rents; Appointment of Receiver.** As additional security hereunder, you hereby assign to us the rents of the Property, provided that you shall, prior to acceleration under paragraph 15 hereof or abandonment of the Property, have the right to collect and retain such rents as they become due and payable. Upon acceleration under paragraph 15 hereof or abandonment of the Property, we shall be entitled, to the extent provided by applicable law, to have a receiver appointed by a court to enter upon, take possession of and manage the Property and to collect the rents of the Property including those past due. All rents collected by the receiver shall be applied first to payment of the costs of management of the Property and collection of rents, including, but not limited to, receiver's fees, premiums on receiver's bonds and reasonable attorneys' fees, and then to the sums secured by this Mortgage. The receiver shall be liable to account only for those rents actually received.

**18. Release.** Upon payment of all sums secured by this Mortgage, we shall release this Mortgage. You will be responsible for all costs of recording such release.

**19. Waiver of Valuation and Appraisal.** You hereby waive all rights of valuation and appraisal.

**20. Riders to this Mortgage.** If one or more riders are executed by you and recorded together with this Mortgage, the covenants and agreements of each such rider shall be incorporated into and shall amend and supplement the covenants and agreements of this Mortgage as if the rider(s) were part of this Mortgage.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 2-4 Family Rider

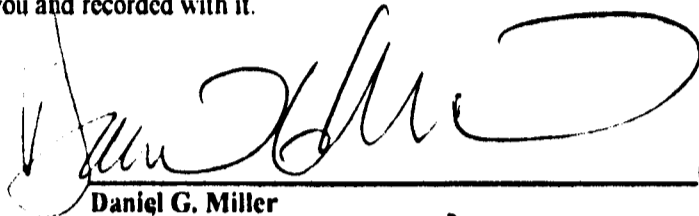
\_\_\_\_\_ Planned Unit Development Rider

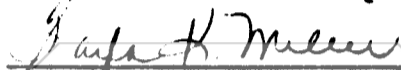
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**REQUEST FOR NOTICE OF DEFAULT  
AND FORECLOSURE UNDER SUPERIOR  
MORTGAGES OR DEEDS OF TRUST**

Borrower and Lender request the holder of any mortgage, deed of trust or other encumbrance with a lien which has priority over this Mortgage to give Notice to Lender, at Lender's address set forth on page one of this Mortgage, of any default under the superior encumbrance and of any sale or other foreclosure action.

**BY SIGNING BELOW**, you accept and agree to the terms and covenants contained in this Mortgage and any rider(s) executed by you and recorded with it.

  
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Daniel G. Miller (Seal)

  
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Gayla K. Miller (Seal)

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(Seal)

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STATE OF INDIANA, Lake County ss:

On this 5th day of February, 1997 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public Daniel G. Miller and in and for the State of Indiana, personally appeared Gayla K. Miller, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires: 4-25-97

  
  
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Valerie M. Gilbert Print Name  
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Notary Public

Resident of Lake County, Indiana.

This instrument was prepared by: Bruce D. Maynard

**EXHIBIT A  
TO  
MORTGAGE**

This is Exhibit A to a Mortgage in favor of MBNA Consumer Services, Inc., dated February 5, 1997, and executed by Daniel G. Miller and Gayla K. Miller.

**Description of Property:**

All that certain parcel of land in City of Crown Point, Lake County, State of Indiana as more fully described in Deed Doc# 92007132, ID# 09-11-260-47 being known and designated as Lot 114, Bohling's East Oak Estates, Unit #5, filed in Plat Book 65, page 59.

Clerk: **Services, Inc., 400 Christiana Road, Newark, Delaware 19713.**

