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**ASSIGNMENT OF LEASES AND RENTS**

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Absolute Assignment

**DATE AND PARTIES.** The date of this Assignment of Leases and Rents (Assignment) is January 20, 2000. The parties and their addresses are:

**ASSIGNOR:**

**EDWARD A. WOLFE**  
7514 Columbia Avenue  
Hammond, Indiana 46320

**LENDER:**

**GRIFFITH SAVINGS BANK**  
Organized and existing under the laws of Indiana  
510 N. Broad Street  
Griffith, Indiana 46319  
TIN: 35-0354170

**1. MAXIMUM OBLIGATION LIMIT.** The total principal amount secured by this Assignment at any one time will not exceed \$32,000.00. This limitation of amount does not include interest and other fees and charges validly made pursuant to this Assignment. Also, this limitation does not apply to advances made under the terms of this Assignment to protect Lender's security and to perform any of the covenants contained in this Assignment.

**2. SECURED DEBTS.** This Assignment will secure the following Secured Debts:

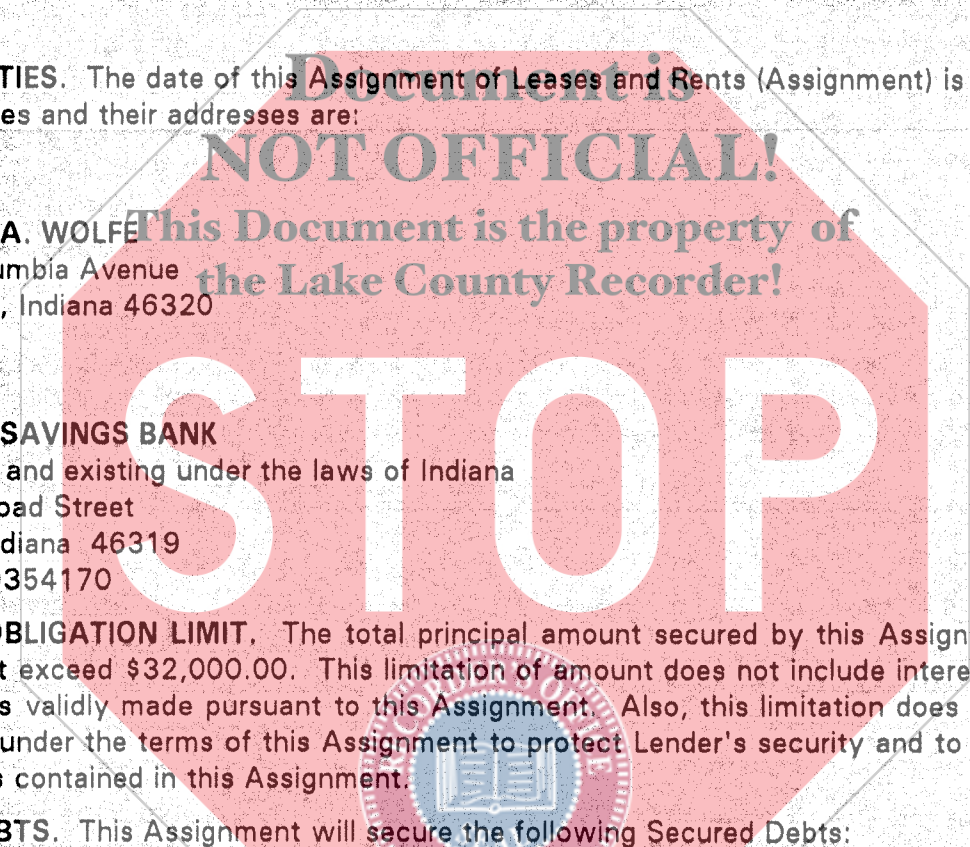
**A. Specific Debts.** The following debts and all extensions, renewals, refinancings, modifications and replacements. A promissory note, No. 100305350, dated January 20, 2000, from Assignor to Lender, in the amount of \$32,000.00 with an interest rate of 8.125 percent per year maturing on February 1, 2010.

Edward A. Wolfe  
Indiana Assignment of Leases and Rents  
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**B. Sums Advanced.** All sums advanced and expenses incurred by Lender under the terms of this Assignment.

**3. ASSIGNMENT OF LEASES AND RENTS.** For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, and to secure the Secured Debts and Assignor's performance under this Assignment, Assignor absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably and immediately assigns, grants, bargains, conveys, mortgages and warrants to Lender all the right, title and interest in the following (all referred to as Property).

**A.** Existing or future leases, subleases, licenses, guaranties and any other written or verbal agreements for the use and occupancy of the Property, including any extensions, renewals, modifications or replacements (all referred to as Leases).

**B.** Rents, issues and profits (all referred to as Rents), including but not limited to security deposits, minimum rent, percentage rent, additional rent, common area maintenance charges, parking charges, real estate taxes, other applicable taxes, insurance premium contributions, liquidated damages following default, cancellation premiums, "loss of rents" insurance, guest receipts, revenues, royalties, proceeds, bonuses, accounts, contract rights, general intangibles, and all rights and claims which Assignor may have regarding the Property.

**C.** The term Property as used in this Assignment shall include the following described real property:

Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, the North 8.5 feet of Lot 35, all of Lot 36, the South 10 feet of the East 21 feet of Lot 39 and the South 10 feet of Lots 40 and 41, Block 1, in Quinnton Terrace Addition, to the City of Hammond, as shown in Plat Book 21, page 6, in Lake County, Indiana, and including the vacated L-shaped alley described in Ordinance No. 4986 recorded December 6, 1985, as Document No. 831731, except the West 54 feet of the vacated East-West alley lying between Lots 36 to 39, both inclusive.

The Property is located in Lake County at 7514 Columbia Avenue, Hammond, Indiana 46320.

This agreement is an absolute assignment and not an assignment for additional security. In the event any item listed as Leases or Rents is determined to be personal property, this Assignment will also be regarded as a security agreement.

**4. PAYMENTS.** Assignor agrees that all payments under the Secured Debts will be paid when due and in accordance with the terms of the Secured Debts and this Assignment.

**5. COLLECTION OF RENTS.** Lender grants Assignor a revocable license to collect, receive, enjoy and use the Rents as long as Assignor is not in default. Assignor's default automatically and immediately revokes this license.

Upon default, Assignor will receive any Rents in trust for Lender and Assignor will not commingle the Rents with any other funds. When Lender so directs, Assignor will endorse and deliver any payments of Rents from the Property to Lender.

Assignor agrees that Lender will not be considered to be a mortgagee-in-possession by executing this Assignment or by collecting or receiving payments on the Secured Debts, but only may become a mortgagee-in-possession after Assignor's license to collect, receive, enjoy and use the Rents is revoked by Lender or automatically revoked on Assignor's default, and Lender takes actual possession of the Property. Consequently, until Lender takes actual possession of the Property, Lender is not obligated to perform or discharge any obligation of Assignor under the Leases, appear in or defend any action or proceeding relating to the Rents, the Leases or the Property, or be liable in any way for any injury or damage to any person or property sustained in or about the Property.

Assignor agrees that this Assignment is immediately effective between Assignor and Lender and effective as to third parties on the recording of this Assignment.

**6. COLLECTION EXPENSES AND ATTORNEYS' FEES.** On or after Default, to the extent permitted by law, Assignor agrees to pay all expenses of collection, enforcement or protection of Lender's rights and remedies under this Assignment. Assignor agrees to pay expenses for Lender to inspect and preserve the Property and for any recordation costs of releasing the Property from this Assignment. Expenses include, but are not limited to, attorneys' fees, court costs and other legal expenses. These expenses are due and payable immediately. If not paid immediately, these expenses will bear interest from the date of payment until paid in full at the highest interest rate in effect as provided for in the terms of the Secured Debts. To the extent permitted by the United States Bankruptcy Code, Assignor agrees to pay the reasonable attorneys' fees Lender incurs to collect the Secured Debts as awarded by any court exercising jurisdiction under the Bankruptcy Code.

**7. ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.** As used in this section, (1) Environmental Law means, without limitation, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), all other federal, state and local laws, regulations, ordinances, court orders, attorney general opinions or interpretive letters concerning the public health, safety, welfare, environment or a hazardous substance; and (2) Hazardous Substance means any toxic, radioactive or hazardous material, waste, pollutant or contaminant which has characteristics which render the substance dangerous or potentially dangerous to the public health, safety, welfare or environment. The term includes, without limitation, any substances defined as "hazardous material," "toxic substance," "hazardous waste," "hazardous substance," or "regulated substance" under any Environmental Law.

Assignor represents, warrants and agrees that:

A. Except as previously disclosed and acknowledged in writing to Lender, no Hazardous Substance is or will be located, stored or released on or in the Property. This restriction does not apply to small quantities of Hazardous Substances that are generally recognized to be appropriate for the normal use and maintenance of the Property.

B. Except as previously disclosed and acknowledged in writing to Lender, Assignor and every tenant have been, are, and will remain in full compliance with any applicable Environmental Law.

C. Assignor will immediately notify Lender if a release or threatened release of a Hazardous Substance occurs on, under or about the Property or there is a violation of any Environmental Law concerning the Property. In such an event, Assignor will take all necessary remedial action in accordance with any Environmental Law.

D. Assignor will immediately notify Lender in writing as soon as Assignor has reason to believe there is any pending or threatened investigation, claim, or proceeding relating to the release or threatened release of any Hazardous Substance or the violation of any Environmental Law.

**8. CONDEMNATION.** Assignor will give Lender prompt notice of any pending or threatened action by private or public entities to purchase or take any or all of the Property through condemnation, eminent domain, or any other means. Assignor authorizes Lender to intervene in Assignor's name in any of the above described actions or claims. Assignor assigns to Lender the proceeds of any award or claim for damages connected with a condemnation or other taking of all or any part of the Property. Such proceeds will be considered payments and will be applied as provided in this Assignment. This assignment of proceeds is subject to the terms of any prior mortgage, deed of trust, security agreement or other lien document.

**9. ASSUMPTIONS.** Subject to conditions and Lender's written approval, someone buying the Property may be allowed to assume this Assignment. Without written consent, Lender may declare the entire balance of the Secured Debts to be immediately due and payable upon the creation of, or

contract for the creation of, a transfer or sale of the Property. This right is subject to the restrictions imposed by federal law governing the preemption of state due-on-sale laws, as applicable.

**10. WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS.** Assignor has the right and authority to enter into this Assignment. The execution and delivery of this Assignment will not violate any agreement governing Assignor or to which Assignor is a party.

**A. Title.** Assignor has good title to the Leases, Rents, and Property and has the right to absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably and immediately assign, grant, bargain, convey, mortgage and warrant to Lender the Leases and Rents, and no other person has any right in the Leases and Rents.

**B. Recordation.** Assignor has recorded the Leases as required by law or as otherwise prudent for the type and use of the Property.

**C. Default.** No default exists under the Leases, and the parties subject to the Leases have not violated any applicable law on leases, licenses and landlords and tenants. Assignor, at its sole cost and expense, will keep, observe and perform, and require all other parties to the Leases to comply with the Leases and any applicable law. If Assignor or any party to the Lease defaults or fails to observe any applicable law, Assignor will promptly notify Lender.

**D. Lease Modification.** Assignor has not sublet, modified, extended, canceled, or otherwise altered the Leases, or accepted the surrender of the Property covered by the Leases (unless the Leases so require).

**E. Encumbrance.** Assignor has not assigned, compromised, subordinated or encumbered the Leases and Rents.

**11. COVENANTS.** Assignor agrees to the following covenants:

**A. Rent Abatement and Insurance.** When any Lease provides for an abatement of Rents due to fire, flood or other casualty, Assignor will insure against this risk of loss with a policy satisfactory to Lender. Assignor may choose the insurance company, subject to Lender's approval, which will not be unreasonably withheld.

**B. Copies of Leases.** Assignor will promptly provide Lender with copies of the Leases and will certify these Leases are true and correct copies. The existing Leases will be provided on execution of the Assignment, and all future Leases and any other information with respect to these Leases will be provided immediately after they are executed.

**C. Right To Rents.** Immediately after the execution of this Assignment, Assignor will notify all current and future tenants and others obligated under the Leases of Lender's rights to the Leases and Rents, and will request that they immediately pay all future Rents directly to Lender when Assignor or Lender asks them to do so.

**D. Lease Modification.** Assignor will not sublet, modify, extend, cancel, or otherwise alter the Leases, or accept the surrender of the Property covered by the Leases (unless the Leases so require) without Lender's written consent.

**E. Encumbrance.** Assignor will not assign, compromise, subordinate or encumber the Leases and Rents without Lender's prior written consent.

**F. Future Leases.** Assignor will not enter into any future Leases without prior written consent from Lender. Assignor will execute and deliver such further assurances and assignments as to these future Leases as Lender requires from time to time.

**G. Personal Property.** Assignor will not sell or remove any personal property on the Property, unless Assignor replaces this personal property with like kind for the same or better value.

**H. Prosecution and Defense of Claims.** Assignor will appear in and prosecute its claims or defend its title to the Leases and Rents against any claims that would impair Assignor's interest under

this Assignment and, on Lender's request, Assignor will also appear in any action or proceeding on behalf of Lender. Assignor agrees to assign to Lender, as requested by Lender, any right, claims or defenses which Assignor may have against parties who supply labor or materials to improve or maintain the leaseholds subject to the Leases and/or the Property.

**I. Liability and Indemnification.** Lender does not assume or become liable for the Property's maintenance, depreciation, or other losses or damages when Lender acts to manage, protect or preserve the Property, except for losses or damages due to Lender's gross negligence or intentional torts. Otherwise, Assignor will indemnify Lender and hold Lender harmless for all liability, loss or damage that Lender may incur when Lender opts to exercise any of its remedies against any party obligated under the Leases.

**J. Leasehold Estate.** Assignor will not cause or permit the leasehold estate under the Leases to merge with Assignor's reversionary interest, and agrees that the Leases shall remain in full force and effect regardless of any merger of the Assignor's interests and of any merger of the interests of Assignor and any party obligated under the Leases.

**K. Insolvency.** Lender will be the creditor of each tenant and of anyone else obligated under the Leases who is subject to an assignment for the benefit of creditors, an insolvency, a dissolution or a receivership proceeding, or a bankruptcy.

**12. DEFAULT.** Assignor will be in default if any of the following occur:

**A. Payments.** Any party obligated on the Secured Debts fails to make payment when due.

**B. Failure of Condition or Term.** Any party obligated on the Secured Debts breaches any term of this Assignment or any other document executed for the purpose of creating, securing or guarantying the Secured Debts.

**C. Insecurity.** Anything else happens that causes Lender to reasonably believe that the prospect of payment, performance or the value of the Property is significantly impaired.

**13. REMEDIES.** After Assignor defaults, and after Lender gives any legally required notice and opportunity to cure the default, Lender may at Lender's option do any one or more of the following.

**A. Acceleration.** Lender may make all or any part of the amount owing by the terms of the Secured Debts immediately due.

**B. Additional Security.** Lender may demand additional security or additional parties to be obligated to pay the Secured Debts.

**C. Sources.** Lender may use any and all remedies Lender has under Indiana or federal law or in any instrument evidencing or pertaining to the Secured Debts.

**D. Insurance Benefits.** Lender may make a claim for any and all insurance benefits or refunds that may be available on Assignor's default.

**E. Payments Made On Assignor's Behalf.** Amounts advanced on Assignor's behalf will be immediately due and may be added to the Secured Debts.

**F. Rents.** Lender may terminate Assignor's right to collect Rents and directly collect and retain Rents in Lender's name without taking possession of the Property and to demand, collect, receive, and sue for the Rents, giving proper receipts and releases. In addition, after deducting all reasonable expenses of collection from any collected and retained Rents, Lender may apply the balance as provided for by the Secured Debts.

**G. Entry.** Lender may enter, take possession, manage and operate all or any part of the Property; make, modify, enforce or cancel or accept the surrender of any Leases; obtain or evict any tenants or licensees; increase or reduce Rents; decorate, clean and make repairs or do any other act or incur any other cost Lender deems proper to protect the Property as fully as Assignor could do. Any funds collected from the operation of the Property may be applied in such order as Lender may deem proper, including, but not limited to, payment of the following: operating

expenses, management, brokerage, attorneys' and accountants' fees, the Secured Debts, and toward the maintenance of reserves for repair or replacement. Lender may take such action without regard to the adequacy of the security, with or without any action or proceeding, through any person or agent, or receiver to be appointed by a court, and irrespective of Assignor's possession.

The collection and application of the Rents or the entry upon and taking possession of the Property as set out in this section shall not cure or waive any notice of default under the Secured Debts, this Assignment, or invalidate any act pursuant to such notice. The enforcement of such remedy by Lender, once exercised, shall continue for so long as Lender shall elect, notwithstanding that such collection and application of Rents may have cured the original default.

**H. Waiver.** Except as otherwise required by law, by choosing any one or more of these remedies you do not give up any other remedy. You do not waive a default if you choose not to use a remedy. By electing not to use any remedy, you do not waive your right to later consider the event a default and to use any remedies if the default continues or occurs again.

**14. TERM.** This Assignment will remain in full force and effect until the Secured Debts are paid or otherwise discharged and Lender is no longer obligated to advance funds under any loan or credit agreement which is a part of the Secured Debts. If any or all payments of the Secured Debts are subsequently invalidated, declared void or voidable, or set aside and are required to be repaid to a trustee, custodian, receiver or any other party under any bankruptcy act or other state or federal law, then the Secured Debts will be revived and will continue in full force and effect as if this payment had not been made.

**15. CO-SIGNERS.** If Assignor signs this Assignment but does not sign the Secured Debts, Assignor does so only to assign Assignor's interest in the Property to secure payment of the Secured Debts and Assignor does not agree to be personally liable on the Secured Debts. If this Assignment secures a guaranty between Lender and Assignor, Assignor agrees to waive any rights that may prevent Lender from bringing any action or claim against Assignor or any party indebted under the obligation. These rights may include, but are not limited to, any anti-deficiency or one-action laws.

**16. WAIVERS.** Except to the extent prohibited by law, Assignor waives all rights of valuation and appraisal relating to the Property.

**17. APPLICABLE LAW.** This Assignment is governed by the laws of Indiana, except to the extent otherwise required by the laws of the jurisdiction where the Property is located, and the United States of America.

**18. JOINT AND INDIVIDUAL LIABILITY AND SUCCESSORS.** Each Assignor's obligations under this Assignment are independent of the obligations of any other Assignor. Lender may sue each Assignor individually or together with any other Assignor. Lender may release any part of the Property and Assignor will still be obligated under this Assignment for the remaining Property. The duties and benefits of this Assignment will bind and benefit the successors and assigns of Lender and Assignor.

**19. AMENDMENT, INTEGRATION AND SEVERABILITY.** This Assignment may not be amended or modified by oral agreement. No amendment or modification of this Assignment is effective unless made in writing and executed by Assignor and Lender. This Assignment is the complete and final expression of the agreement. If any provision of this Assignment is unenforceable, then the unenforceable provision will be severed and the remaining provisions will still be enforceable.

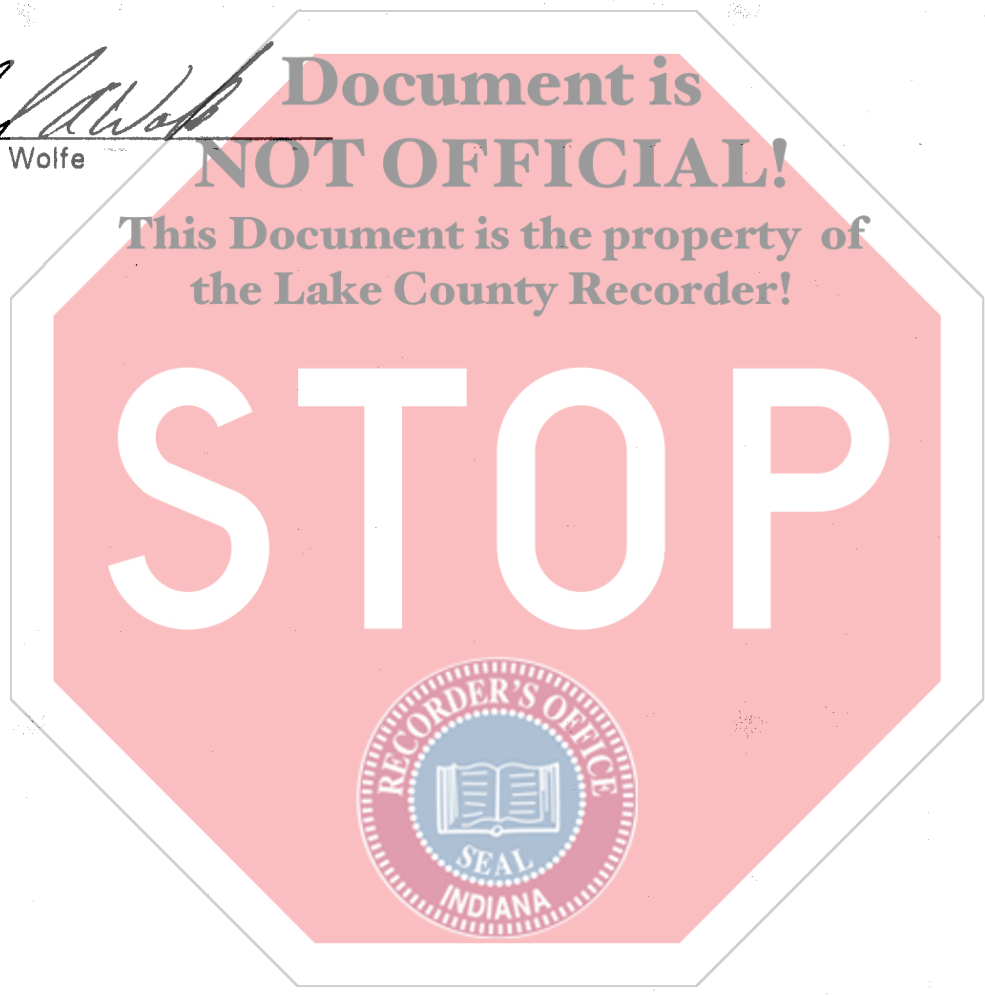
**20. INTERPRETATION.** Whenever used, the singular includes the plural and the plural includes the singular. The section headings are for convenience only and are not to be used to interpret or define the terms of this Assignment.

21. NOTICE, FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS. Unless otherwise required by law, any notice will be given by delivering it or mailing it by first class mail to the appropriate party's address listed in the DATE AND PARTIES section, or to any other address designated in writing. Notice to one party will be deemed to be notice to all parties. Assignor will inform Lender in writing of any change in Assignor's name, address or other application information. Assignor will provide Lender any financial statements or information Lender requests. All financial statements and information Assignor gives Lender will be correct and complete. Assignor agrees to sign, deliver, and file any additional documents or certifications that Lender may consider necessary to perfect, continue, and preserve Assignor's obligations under this Assignment and to confirm Lender's lien status on any Property. Time is of the essence.

SIGNATURES. By signing, Assignor agrees to the terms and covenants contained in this Assignment. Assignor also acknowledges receipt of a copy of this Assignment.

ASSIGNOR:

  
Edward A. Wolfe



**ACKNOWLEDGMENT.**

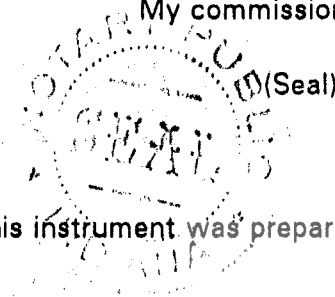
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January, 2000, Edward A. Wolfe, acknowledged the execution of the  
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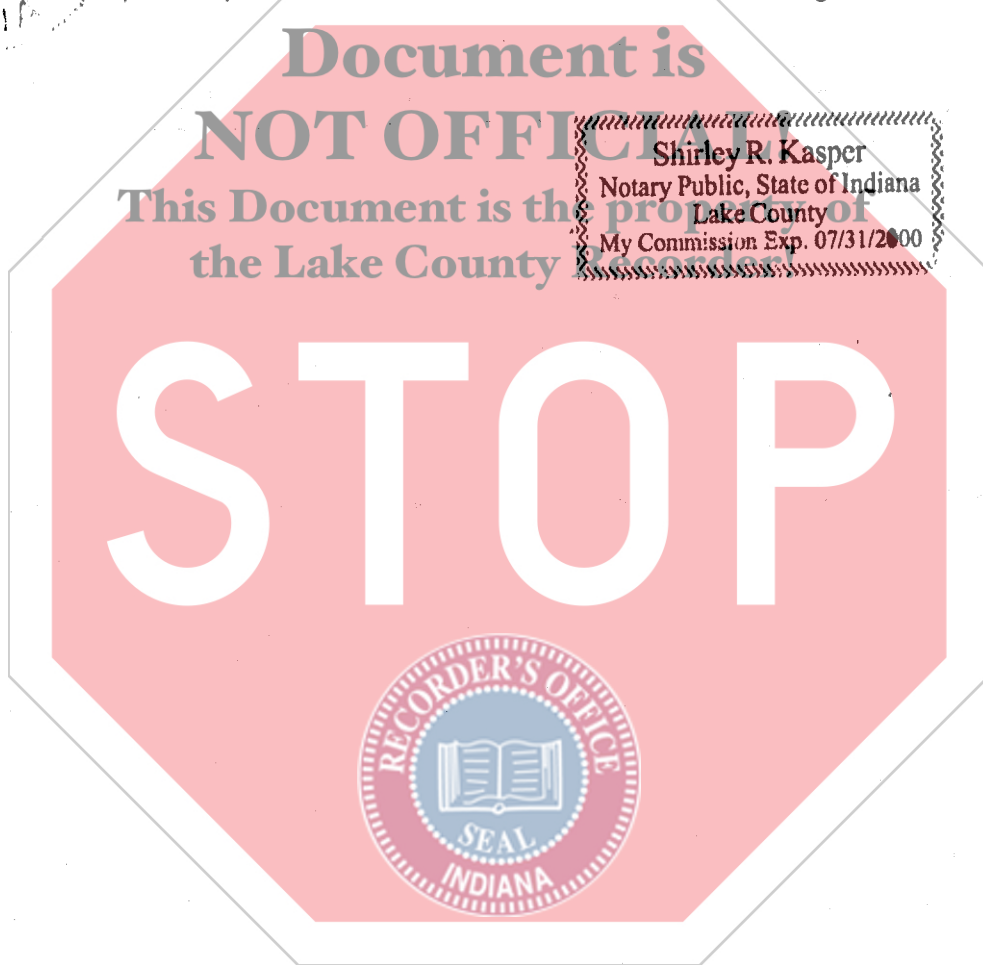
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(Notary Public)

*Shirley R. Kasper*  
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(Notary's County)



This instrument was prepared by Joanne M. Jones, President, Griffith Savings Bank, Griffith, Indiana



Shirley R. Kasper  
Notary Public, State of Indiana  
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