

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-A

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

ELLINGTON FINANCIAL INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

26-0489289
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

53 Forest Avenue
Old Greenwich, Connecticut
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

06870
(Zip Code)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class to be so registered	Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered
8.625% Series C Fixed-Rate Reset Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value per share (Liquidation Preference \$25.00 per share)	New York Stock Exchange

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c) or (e), check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d) or (e), check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities concurrently with a Regulation A offering, check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement or Regulation A offering statement file number to which this form relates (if applicable): 333-269386

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None.

Item 1. Description of Registrant’s Securities to be Registered.

The securities to be registered hereunder are shares of 8.625% Series C Fixed-Rate Reset Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value per share, with a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share (the “Series C Preferred Stock”) of Ellington Financial Inc. (the “Company”). The description of the terms of the Series C Preferred Stock set forth under the heading “Description of the Series C Preferred Stock” in the Company’s Prospectus Supplement, dated February 2, 2023, and under the heading “Description of Preferred Stock” in the accompanying prospectus that constitutes a part of the Company’s Shelf Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (File No. 333-269386) filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
Exhibit 3.1	<u>Certificate of Incorporation of Ellington Financial Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.3 of Ellington Financial Inc.’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 4, 2019).</u>
Exhibit 3.2	<u>Amended and Restated Bylaws of Ellington Financial Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of Ellington Financial Inc.’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 5, 2023).</u>
Exhibit 3.3	<u>Certificate of Designations of 6.750% Series A Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock of Ellington Financial Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.3 of Ellington Financial Inc.’s registration statement on Form 8-A filed on October 21, 2019).</u>
Exhibit 3.4	<u>Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Designations of 6.750% Series A Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock of Ellington Financial Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of Ellington Financial Inc.’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 21, 2022).</u>
Exhibit 3.5	<u>Certificate of Designations of 6.250% Series B Fixed-Rate Reset Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock of Ellington Financial Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.4 of Ellington Financial Inc.’s registration statement on Form 8-A filed on December 10, 2021).</u>
Exhibit 3.6	<u>Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Designations of 6.250% Series B Fixed-Rate Reset Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock of Ellington Financial Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of Ellington Financial Inc.’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 21, 2022).</u>
Exhibit 3.7	<u>Certificate of Designations of 8.625% Series C Fixed-Rate Reset Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock of Ellington Financial Inc.</u>
Exhibit 4.1	<u>Form of certificate representing the 6.750% Series A Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock of Ellington Financial Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of Ellington Financial Inc.’s registration statement on Form 8-A filed on October 21, 2019).</u>
Exhibit 4.2	<u>Form of certificate representing the 6.250% Series B Fixed-Rate Reset Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock of Ellington Financial Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of Ellington Financial Inc.’s registration statement on Form 8-A filed on December 10, 2021).</u>
Exhibit 4.3	<u>Form of certificate representing the 8.625% Series C Fixed-Rate Reset Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock of Ellington Financial Inc.</u>

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ELLINGTON FINANCIAL INC.

Date: February 3, 2023

By: /s/ JR Herlihy
JR Herlihy
Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATIONS
OF
8.625% SERIES C FIXED-RATE RESET CUMULATIVE REDEEMABLE
PREFERRED STOCK
OF
ELLINGTON FINANCIAL INC.

**Pursuant to Section 151 of the
General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware**

Ellington Financial Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "Corporation"), does hereby certify that, pursuant to authority conferred upon the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Corporation by the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation (as such may be amended from time to time, the "Certificate of Incorporation"), and pursuant to authority conferred upon the pricing committee (the "Pricing Committee") of the Board, the Pricing Committee, pursuant to Section 151 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, adopted resolutions (i) authorizing a new series of the Corporation's previously authorized preferred stock, \$0.001 par value per share (the "Preferred Stock"), and (ii) providing for the designations, powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other rights, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, of 8.625% Series C Fixed-Rate Reset Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock of the Corporation, as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Corporation is hereby authorized to issue up to 4,600,000 shares of 8.625% Series C Fixed-Rate Reset Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value per share, which shall have the following designations, powers, preferences and other special rights:

Section 1. Designation, Amount and Form. The shares of such series shall be designated as "8.625% Series C Fixed-Rate Reset Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock" (the "Series C Preferred Stock") and the number of shares initially constituting such series shall be Four Million Six Hundred Thousand (4,600,000). Shares of Series C Preferred Stock may be represented in the form of uncertificated shares, *provided, however*, that, upon request, holders of uncertificated shares of Series C Preferred Stock shall be entitled to have a certificate for shares of Series C Preferred Stock signed by, or in the name of, the Corporation, certifying the number of shares owned by such holder; *provided further* that holders of uncertificated shares of Series C Preferred Stock shall only be entitled to request a certificate for shares of Series C Preferred Stock signed by, or in the name of, the Corporation as described in this Section 1, and the Corporation shall only be obligated to provide such certificate, in the event that the Series C Preferred Stock is not listed on a national securities exchange at any time after 30 days following the Original Issue Date (as defined below).

Section 2. Maturity. The Series C Preferred Stock has no stated maturity and will not be subject to any sinking fund or mandatory redemption, and will remain outstanding indefinitely unless (i) the Corporation decides to redeem or otherwise repurchase the Series C Preferred Stock or (ii) the Series C Preferred Stock becomes convertible and is actually converted pursuant to Section 7 hereof. The Corporation is not required to set aside funds to redeem the Series C Preferred Stock.

Section 3. Ranking. The Series C Preferred Stock will rank, with respect to rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets in the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, (i) senior to all classes or series of the Corporation's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the

“Common Stock”), and to all other classes or series of stock that the Corporation may issue with terms specifically providing that such stock ranks junior to the Series C Preferred Stock with respect to rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon the Corporation’s liquidation, dissolution or winding up (together with the Common Stock, the “Junior Stock”); (ii) on a parity with the Corporation’s 6.750% Series A Fixed-To-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (the “Series A Preferred Stock”), the Corporation’s 6.250% Series B Fixed-Rate Reset Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (the “Series B Preferred Stock”) and all other classes or series of stock that the Corporation may issue with terms specifically providing that such stock ranks on a parity with the Series C Preferred Stock with respect to rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon the Corporation’s liquidation, dissolution or winding up (the “Parity Stock”); (iii) junior to all classes or series of stock that the Corporation may issue with terms specifically providing that such stock ranks senior to the Series C Preferred Stock with respect to rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon the Corporation’s liquidation, dissolution or winding up (the “Senior Stock”); and (iv) effectively junior to all of the Corporation’s existing and future indebtedness (including indebtedness convertible into or exchangeable for Common Stock or Preferred Stock) and other liabilities and to all liabilities and preferred equity of the Corporation’s existing subsidiaries and any future subsidiaries.

Section 4. Dividends.

(a) Holders of shares of the Series C Preferred Stock are entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by the Board, out of funds of the Corporation legally available for the payment of dividends, cumulative cash dividends based on the stated liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share at a rate (the “Dividend Rate”) equal to (i) from and including February 6, 2023 (the “Original Issue Date”) to, but excluding, April 30, 2028 (the “First Reset Date”), 8.625% per annum and (ii) from and including the First Reset Date, during each Reset Period (as defined below), the Five-Year Treasury Rate (as defined below) as of the most recent Reset Dividend Determination Date (as defined below) plus 5.13% per annum. Dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock shall accumulate daily and be cumulative from, and including, the Original Issue Date and shall be payable quarterly in arrears on or about the 30th day of January, April, July and October of each year (each, a “Dividend Payment Date”), when and as declared; *provided, however*, that if any Dividend Payment Date is not a Business Day (as defined below), then the dividend which would otherwise have been payable on that Dividend Payment Date may be paid, at the Corporation’s option, on either the immediately preceding Business Day or the next succeeding Business Day, except that, if such Business Day is in the next succeeding calendar year, such payment shall be made on the immediately preceding Business Day, in each case with the same force and effect as if paid on such Dividend Payment Date, and no interest, additional dividends or other sums will accrue on the amount so payable for the period from such Dividend Payment Date to such next succeeding Business Day. The first dividend (or other distribution) on the Series C Preferred Stock is scheduled to be paid on or about April 30, 2023 in the amount of \$0.50313 per share, and that dividend will be paid to the persons who are the holders of record of the Series C Preferred Stock at the close of business on the corresponding dividend record date, which will be on or about March 31, 2023. Dividends payable for any Dividend Period (as defined below) will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Dividends will be payable to holders of record as they appear in the stock transfer records of the Corporation for the Series C Preferred Stock at the close of business on the applicable record date, which shall be no fewer than ten days and no more than 35 days prior to the applicable Dividend Payment Date, as shall be fixed by the Board (each, a “Dividend Record Date”). The dividends payable on any Dividend Payment Date shall include dividends accumulated to, but excluding, such Dividend Payment Date. The Five-Year Treasury Rate will be determined by the Calculation Agent on the third Business Day immediately preceding the applicable Reset Date. If the Five-Year Treasury Rate for any Dividend Period cannot be determined pursuant to the methods described in the definition of Five-Year Treasury Rate below, the Dividend Rate for such Dividend Period will be the same as the Dividend Rate determined for the immediately preceding Dividend Period. No holder of any shares of the Series C Preferred Stock shall be entitled to receive any dividends paid or payable on the Series C Preferred Stock with a Dividend Record Date before the date such shares of Series C Preferred Stock are issued.

(b) “Business Day” means any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, that is neither a legal holiday nor a day on which banking institutions in New York, New York are authorized or required by law, regulation or executive order to close.

(c) “Calculation Agent” means a third party independent financial institution of national standing with experience providing such services, which has been selected by the Corporation.

(d) “Dividend Period” means the period from, and including, the immediately preceding Dividend Payment Date to, but excluding, the applicable Dividend Payment Date, except for the initial Dividend Period, which will be the period from, and including, the Original Issue Date to, but excluding, April 30, 2023 (short first Dividend Period).

(e) “Five-Year Treasury Rate” means, for any Reset Period commencing on or after the First Reset Date, the rate determined by the Calculation Agent on the Reset Dividend Determination Date and equal to: (i) the average of the yields to maturity on actively traded U.S. treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity, for five-year maturities, for the five Business Days appearing under the caption “Treasury Constant Maturities” in the most recently published statistical release designated H.15 Daily Update or any successor publication which is published by the Federal Reserve Board, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion; or (ii) if no calculation is provided as described in clause (i), then the Calculation Agent, after consulting such sources as it deems comparable to any of the foregoing calculations, or any such source as it deems reasonable from which to estimate the Five-Year Treasury Rate, shall determine the five-year treasury rate in its sole discretion, provided that if the Calculation Agent determines there is an industry-accepted successor five-year treasury rate, then the Calculation Agent shall use such successor rate. If the Calculation Agent has determined a substitute or successor rate in accordance with the foregoing, the Calculation Agent, in its sole discretion, may determine the “business day” convention, the definition of “business day” and the Reset Dividend Determination Date to be used and any other relevant methodology for calculating such substitute or successor rate, including any adjustment factor needed to make such substitute or successor rate comparable to the rate described in clause (i), in a manner that is consistent with industry-accepted practices for such substitute or successor rate.

(f) “Reset Date” means the First Reset Date and each date falling on the fifth anniversary of the preceding Reset Date, whether or not a Business Day.

(g) “Reset Dividend Determination Date” means, in respect of any Reset Period, the day falling three Business Days prior to the beginning of such Reset Period.

(h) “Reset Period” means the period from, and including, the First Reset Date to, but excluding, the next following Reset Date and thereafter each period from, and including, each Reset Date to, but excluding, the next following Reset Date.

(i) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Section 4(a), if, following a Change of Control (as hereinafter defined), the Common Stock Authorization (as hereinafter defined) has not occurred at or prior to the Change of Control and the Corporation has not exercised its option to redeem the Series C Preferred Stock pursuant to Section 6, the quarterly cumulative dividend rate shall be increased by three hundred (300) basis points per annum (such increased dividend rate, the “Special Dividend Rate”). Holders of shares of the Series C Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by the Board, out of funds of the Corporation legally available for the payment of dividends, cumulative cash dividends from, and including, the first date on which the Change of Control has occurred at the Special Dividend Rate for so long as the Corporation has not exercised its option to redeem the Series C Preferred Stock pursuant to Section 6.

(j) No dividends on shares of Series C Preferred Stock shall be declared by the Board or paid or set apart for payment by the Corporation at any time when the terms and provisions of any agreement of the Corporation, including any agreement relating to any indebtedness of the Corporation, prohibit the declaration,

payment or setting apart for payment thereof or provide that the declaration, payment or setting apart for payment thereof would constitute a breach of the agreement or a default under the agreement, or if the declaration, payment or setting apart for payment is restricted or prohibited by law.

(k) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock will accumulate whether or not the Corporation has earnings, whether or not there are funds legally available for the payment of those dividends and whether or not those dividends are declared. No interest, or sum in lieu of interest, will be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on the Series C Preferred Stock which may be in arrears, and holders of the Series C Preferred Stock will not be entitled to any dividends in excess of full cumulative dividends described in Sections 4(a) and 4(i). Any dividend payment made on the Series C Preferred Stock shall first be credited against the earliest accumulated but unpaid dividend due with respect to the Series C Preferred Stock.

(l) Except as provided in this Section 4(l), unless full cumulative dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof is set apart for payment for all past Dividend Periods, (i) no dividends or other distributions (other than in Junior Stock) shall be declared or paid or set aside for payment upon shares of Junior Stock or Parity Stock and (ii) Junior Stock or Parity Stock shall not be redeemed, purchased or otherwise acquired for any consideration (or any moneys be paid to or made available for a sinking fund for the redemption of any such shares) by the Corporation (except (x) by conversion into or exchange for shares of, or options, warrants or rights to purchase or subscribe for, Junior Stock, and (y) for transfers made pursuant to the provisions of Article XIII of the Certificate of Incorporation). The foregoing will not, however, prevent the redemption, purchase or acquisition by the Corporation of shares of any class or series of stock for the purpose of enforcing restrictions on transfer and ownership of the Corporation's stock contained in the Certificate of Incorporation, including in order to qualify and maintain the Corporation's qualification as a real estate investment trust ("REIT"), or the redemption, purchase or acquisition by the Corporation of shares of Common Stock for purposes of and in compliance with any incentive or benefit plan of the Corporation.

(m) When dividends are not paid in full (or a sum sufficient for such full payment is not so set apart) upon the Series C Preferred Stock and any Parity Stock, all dividends declared upon the Series C Preferred Stock and any Parity Stock shall be declared pro rata so that the amount of dividends declared per share of Series C Preferred Stock and such Parity Stock shall in all cases bear to each other the same ratio that accumulated dividends per share on the Series C Preferred Stock and accumulated dividends per share on such Parity Stock (which shall not include any accumulation in respect of undeclared and unpaid dividends for past Dividend Periods if such stock does not have a cumulative dividend) bear to each other. No interest, or sum of money in lieu of interest, shall be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on the Series C Preferred Stock which may be in arrears.

Section 5. Liquidation Preference.

(a) In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, the holders of shares of Series C Preferred Stock will be entitled to be paid out of the assets the Corporation has legally available for distribution to its stockholders, subject to the preferential rights of the holders of any Senior Stock, a liquidation preference of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) per share, plus an amount equal to any accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon (whether or not authorized or declared) to, but excluding, the date of payment, before any distribution of assets is made to holders of Junior Stock.

(b) In the event that, upon any such voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the available assets of the Corporation are insufficient to pay the amount of the liquidating distributions on all outstanding shares of Series C Preferred Stock and the corresponding amounts payable on all shares of Parity Stock, the holders of the Series C Preferred Stock and all such Parity Stock shall share ratably in any such distribution of assets in proportion to the full liquidating distributions to which they would otherwise be respectively entitled.

(c) Holders of Series C Preferred Stock will be entitled to written notice of any such liquidation no fewer than 30 days and no more than 60 days prior to the payment date. After payment of the full amount of the liquidating distributions to which they are entitled, the holders of Series C Preferred Stock will have no right or claim to any of the remaining assets of the Corporation. The consolidation or merger of the Corporation with or into any other corporation, trust or entity or of any other entity with or into the Corporation, or the sale, lease, transfer or conveyance of all or substantially all of the property or business, individually or in a series of related transactions, of the Corporation, shall not be deemed to constitute a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation (although such events may give rise to the special optional redemption and contingent conversion rights described herein).

Section 6. Redemption.

(a) The Series C Preferred Stock is not redeemable by the Corporation prior to April 30, 2028, except as described in this Section 6 and except under circumstances where it is necessary to allow the Corporation to qualify and maintain its qualification as a REIT for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

(b) Optional Redemption Right. On or after April 30, 2028, the Corporation may, at its option, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' written notice, redeem the Series C Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, for cash at a redemption price equal to Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) per share of the Series C Preferred Stock, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon (whether or not authorized or declared) to, but excluding, the redemption date, without interest. If the Corporation elects to redeem any shares of Series C Preferred Stock as described in this Section 6(b), it may use any available cash to pay the redemption price, and it will not be required to pay the redemption price only out of the proceeds from the issuance of other stock or any other specific source.

(c) Special Optional Redemption Right. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Section 6(a), upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Corporation may, at its option, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' written notice, redeem the Series C Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, within 120 days after the first date on which such Change of Control occurred, for cash at a redemption price equal to Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) per share of the Series C Preferred Stock, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon (whether or not authorized or declared) to, but excluding, the redemption date, without interest. If, prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date (as hereinafter defined), the Corporation has provided notice of its election to redeem some or all of the shares of Series C Preferred Stock pursuant to this Section 6, the holders of Series C Preferred Stock will not have the Change of Control Conversion Right (as hereinafter defined) with respect to the shares of the Series C Preferred Stock called for redemption. If the Corporation elects to redeem any shares of Series C Preferred Stock as described in this Section 6(c), it may use any available cash to pay the redemption price, and it will not be required to pay the redemption price only out of the proceeds from the issuance of other stock or any other specific source.

(d) A "Change of Control" is deemed to occur when, after the Original Issue Date, the following have occurred and are continuing: (i) the acquisition by any person, including any syndicate or group deemed to be a "person" under Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), of beneficial ownership, directly or indirectly, through a purchase, merger or other acquisition transaction or series of purchases, mergers or other acquisition transactions of capital stock of the Corporation entitling that person to exercise more than 50% of the total voting power of all capital stock of the Corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors of the Corporation (except that such person will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such person has the right to acquire, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only upon the occurrence of a subsequent condition); and (ii) following the closing of any transaction referred to in clause (i), neither the Corporation nor the acquiring or surviving entity has a class of common securities (or American Depositary Receipts representing such securities) listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE"), the NYSE American LLC (the "NYSE American") or the Nasdaq Stock Market ("Nasdaq"), or listed or quoted on an exchange or quotation system that is a successor to the NYSE, the NYSE American or Nasdaq.

(e) In the event the Corporation elects to redeem any shares of the Series C Preferred Stock, the notice of redemption will be mailed by the Corporation, postage prepaid, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the redemption date, to each holder of record of Series C Preferred Stock called for redemption at such holder's address as it appears on the stock transfer records of the Corporation and shall state: (i) the redemption date; (ii) the number of shares of Series C Preferred Stock to be redeemed; (iii) the redemption price; (iv) the place or places where certificates (if any) for the Series C Preferred Stock are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price; (v) that dividends on the shares to be redeemed will cease to accumulate on the redemption date; (vi) whether such redemption is being made pursuant to Section 6(b) or Section 6(c); (vii) if applicable, that such redemption is being made in connection with a Change of Control and, in that case, a brief description of the transaction or transactions constituting such Change of Control; and (viii) if such redemption is being made in connection with a Change of Control, that the holders of the shares of the Series C Preferred Stock being so called for redemption will not be able to tender such shares of the Series C Preferred Stock for conversion in connection with the Change of Control and that each share of Series C Preferred Stock tendered for conversion that is called, prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date, for redemption will be redeemed on the related date of redemption instead of converted on the Change of Control Conversion Date. If less than all of the shares of the Series C Preferred Stock held by any holder are to be redeemed, the notice mailed to such holder shall also specify the number of shares of the Series C Preferred Stock held by such holder to be redeemed. No failure to give such notice or any defect thereto or in the mailing thereof shall affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any shares of the Series C Preferred Stock except as to the holder to whom notice was defective or not given.

(f) Holders of Series C Preferred Stock to be redeemed shall surrender the Series C Preferred Stock at the place designated in the notice of redemption and shall be entitled to the redemption price and any accumulated and unpaid dividends payable upon the redemption following the surrender.

(g) If notice of redemption of any shares of Series C Preferred Stock has been given and if the Corporation has irrevocably set aside the funds necessary for redemption for the benefit of the holders of the shares of Series C Preferred Stock so called for redemption, then from and after the redemption date (unless the Corporation shall default in providing for the payment of the redemption price plus accumulated and unpaid dividends, if any), dividends will cease to accumulate on those shares of Series C Preferred Stock, those shares of Series C Preferred Stock shall no longer be deemed outstanding and all rights of the holders of those shares will terminate, except the right to receive the redemption price plus accumulated and unpaid dividends, if any, payable upon redemption.

(h) If any redemption date is not a Business Day, then the redemption price and accumulated and unpaid dividends, if any, payable upon redemption may be paid on the next Business Day and no interest, additional dividends or other sums will accrue on the amount payable for the period from and after that redemption date to that next Business Day.

(i) If less than all of the outstanding Series C Preferred Stock is to be redeemed, the Series C Preferred Stock to be redeemed shall be selected pro rata or by lot (as nearly as may be practicable without creating fractional shares) that will not result in the automatic transfer of any shares of the Series C Preferred Stock to a trust pursuant to Article XIII of the Certificate of Incorporation (as to restrictions on transfer and ownership of the Corporation's capital stock).

(j) As part of any redemption of Series C Preferred Stock, the Corporation shall pay, in cash, any accumulated and unpaid dividends to, but excluding, the redemption date, unless a redemption date falls after a Dividend Record Date and prior to the corresponding Dividend Payment Date, in which case each holder of Series C Preferred Stock at the close of business on such Dividend Record Date shall be entitled to the dividend payable on such shares on the corresponding Dividend Payment Date notwithstanding the redemption of such shares before such Dividend Payment Date. Except as provided in this Section 6(j), the Corporation will make no payment or allowance for unpaid dividends, whether or not in arrears, on shares of the Series C Preferred Stock to be redeemed.

(k) Unless full cumulative dividends on all shares of Series C Preferred Stock have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof has been or contemporaneously is set apart for payment for all past Dividend Periods, no shares of Series C Preferred Stock shall be redeemed unless all outstanding shares of Series C Preferred Stock are simultaneously redeemed and the Corporation shall not purchase or otherwise acquire directly or indirectly any shares of Series C Preferred Stock (except by conversion into or exchange for shares of, or options, warrants or rights to purchase or subscribe for, Junior Stock); *provided, however*, that the foregoing shall not prevent the purchase or acquisition by the Corporation of shares of Series C Preferred Stock where it is necessary to allow the Corporation to qualify and maintain its qualification as a REIT for U.S. federal income tax purposes or pursuant to a purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to holders of all outstanding shares of Series C Preferred Stock.

(l) Subject to applicable law, the Corporation may purchase shares of Series C Preferred Stock in the open market, by tender or by private agreement. Any shares of Series C Preferred Stock that the Corporation acquires may be retired and re-classified as authorized but unissued shares of Preferred Stock, without designation as to class or series, and may thereafter be reissued as any class or series of Preferred Stock.

Section 7. Conversion Rights. Shares of Series C Preferred Stock are not convertible into or exchangeable for any other property or securities of the Corporation, except as provided in this Section 7.

(a) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, provided that the Common Stock Authorization has occurred at or prior to the date of such Change of Control as provided in Section 7(b) below, each holder of Series C Preferred Stock will have the right (unless, prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date, the Corporation has provided notice of its election to redeem some or all of the shares of Series C Preferred Stock held by such holder pursuant to Section 6, in which case such holder will have the right only with respect to shares of Series C Preferred Stock that are not called for redemption) to convert some or all of the shares of Series C Preferred Stock held by such holder (the "Change of Control Conversion Right") on the Change of Control Conversion Date into a number of shares of Common Stock per share of Series C Preferred Stock (the "Common Stock Conversion Consideration") equal to the lesser of: (i) the quotient obtained by dividing (x) the sum of the \$25.00 per share liquidation preference of the Series C Preferred Stock plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon (whether or not authorized or declared) to, but excluding, the Change of Control Conversion Date (unless the Change of Control Conversion Date is after a Dividend Record Date and prior to the corresponding Dividend Payment Date for the Series C Preferred Stock, in which case no additional amount for such accumulated and unpaid dividends to be paid on such Dividend Payment Date will be included in this sum) by (y) the Common Stock Price (as defined below) (such quotient, the "Conversion Rate"); and (ii) 3.53607 (the "Share Cap"), subject to adjustments provided in Section 7(e) below.

(b) The conversion rights of holders of the Series C Preferred Stock provided for in Section 7(a) are contingent on the "Common Stock Authorization," which consists of (i) the approval of an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation by its stockholders to increase the number of the authorized shares of Common Stock by an amount in excess of the Exchange Cap (as defined below) (the "Amendment Approval"), and (ii) the subsequent filing of an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation to effect the increased number of authorized shares of Common Stock provided for in the Amendment Approval.

(c) Within 15 days following the Common Stock Authorization, the Corporation shall provide to holders of Series C Preferred Stock a notice of the Common Stock Authorization by filing with the SEC a current report on Form 8-K (or any equivalent form then applicable), which notice shall state: (i) the occurrence of the Common Stock Authorization, including the Amendment Approval and the filing by the Corporation of an amendment to its Certificate of Incorporation to effect the increased number of authorized shares of Common Shares provided for therein; (ii) the date of the Common Stock Authorization; (iii) that the Board has passed a resolution reserving the shares of Common Stock that may be issuable upon a full exercise by the holders of Series C Preferred Stock of their conversion rights pursuant to this Section 7, up to the Exchange Cap; and (iv) that the holders' conversion rights described in this Section 7 are no longer contingent on the Common Stock Authorization.

(d) The Corporation shall also issue a press release containing the notice provided for in Section 7(c) for publication on Dow Jones & Company, Inc., Business Wire, PR Newswire or Bloomberg Business News (or, if these organizations are not in existence at the time of issuance of the press release, such other news or press organization as is reasonably calculated to broadly disseminate the relevant information to the public), and post a notice on its website, in any event prior to the opening of business on the first business day following any date on which the Corporation provides the notice provided for in Section 7(c) to the holders of Series C Preferred Stock.

(e) The Share Cap is subject to pro rata adjustments for any share splits (including those effected pursuant to a distribution of Common Stock to existing holders of Common Stock), subdivisions or combinations (in each case, a “Share Split”) with respect to Common Stock as follows: the adjusted Share Cap as the result of a Share Split will be the number of shares of Common Stock that is equivalent to the product obtained by multiplying (i) the Share Cap in effect immediately prior to such Share Split by (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to such Share Split and the denominator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately prior to such Share Split. For the avoidance of doubt, subject to the immediately succeeding sentence, the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock (or equivalent Alternative Conversion Consideration (as defined below), as applicable) issuable or deliverable, as applicable, in connection with the exercise of the Change of Control Conversion Right will not exceed the product of the Share Cap times the aggregate number of shares of the Series C Preferred Stock issued and outstanding at the Change of Control Conversion Date (or equivalent Alternative Conversion Consideration, as applicable) (the “Exchange Cap”). The Exchange Cap is subject to pro rata adjustments for any Share Splits on the same basis as the corresponding adjustment to the Share Cap.

(f) The “Change of Control Conversion Date” is the date the Series C Preferred Stock is to be converted, which will be a Business Day selected by the Corporation that is no fewer than 20 days nor more than 35 days after the date on which it provides the notice described in Section 7(k) to the holders of Series C Preferred Stock.

(g) The “Common Stock Price” is (i) if the consideration to be received in the Change of Control by the holders of Common Stock is solely cash, the amount of cash consideration per share of Common Stock or (ii) if the consideration to be received in the Change of Control by holders of Common Stock is other than solely cash (x) the average of the closing sale prices per share of Common Stock (or, if no closing sale price is reported, the average of the closing bid and ask prices per share or, if more than one in either case, the average of the average closing bid and the average closing ask prices per share) for the ten consecutive trading days immediately preceding, but not including, the date on which such Change of Control occurred as reported on the principal U.S. securities exchange on which Common Stock is then traded, or (y) the average of the last quoted bid prices for Common Stock in the over-the-counter market as reported by OTC Markets Group Inc. or similar organization for the ten consecutive trading days immediately preceding, but not including, the date on which such Change of Control occurred, if the Common Stock is not then listed for trading on a U.S. securities exchange.

(h) In the case of a Change of Control pursuant to which Common Stock is or will be converted into cash, securities or other property or assets (including any combination thereof) (the “Alternative Form Consideration”), a holder of Series C Preferred Stock will receive upon conversion of such shares of Series C Preferred Stock the kind and amount of Alternative Form Consideration which such holder would have owned or been entitled to receive upon the Change of Control had such holder held a number of shares of Common Stock equal to the Common Stock Conversion Consideration immediately prior to the effective time of the Change of Control (the “Alternative Conversion Consideration”; the Common Stock Conversion Consideration or the Alternative Conversion Consideration, whichever shall be applicable to a Change of Control, is referred to as the “Conversion Consideration”).

(i) If the holders of Common Stock have the opportunity to elect the form of consideration to be received in the Change of Control, the Conversion Consideration in respect of such Change of Control will be deemed to be the kind and amount of consideration actually received by holders of a majority of the outstanding

shares of Common Stock that made or voted for such an election (if electing between two types of consideration) or holders of a plurality of the outstanding shares of Common Stock that made or voted for such an election (if electing between more than two types of consideration), as the case may be, and will be subject to any limitations to which all holders of Common Stock are subject, including, without limitation, pro rata reductions applicable to any portion of the consideration payable in such Change of Control.

(j) No fractional shares of Common Stock will be issued upon the conversion of the Series C Preferred Stock in connection with a Change of Control. Instead, the Corporation will make a cash payment equal to the value of such fractional shares based upon the Common Stock Price used in determining the Common Stock Conversion Consideration for such Change of Control.

(k) Within 15 days following the occurrence of a Change of Control, provided that the Common Stock Authorization has occurred and the Corporation has not then exercised its right to redeem all shares of Series C Preferred Stock pursuant to Section 6, the Corporation will provide to holders of Series C Preferred Stock a notice of occurrence of the Change of Control that describes the resulting Change of Control Conversion Right, which notice shall be delivered to the holders of record of the shares of the Series C Preferred Stock at their addresses as they appear on the stock transfer records of the Corporation. No failure to give such notice or any defect thereto or in the giving thereof will affect the validity of the proceedings for the conversion of any shares of the Series C Preferred Stock except as to the holder to whom notice was defective or not given. This notice shall state: (i) the events constituting the Change of Control; (ii) the date of the Change of Control; (iii) the last date on which the holders of Series C Preferred Stock may exercise their Change of Control Conversion Right; (iv) the method and period for calculating the Common Stock Price; (v) the Change of Control Conversion Date; (vi) that if, prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date, the Corporation has provided notice of its election to redeem all or any shares of Series C Preferred Stock, holders will not be able to convert the shares of Series C Preferred Stock called for redemption and such shares will be redeemed on the related redemption date, even if such shares have already been tendered for conversion pursuant to the Change of Control Conversion Right; (vii) if applicable, the type and amount of Alternative Conversion Consideration entitled to be received per share of Series C Preferred Stock; (viii) the name and address of the paying agent and transfer agent for the Series C Preferred Stock; (ix) the procedures that the holders of Series C Preferred Stock must follow to exercise the Change of Control Conversion Right (including procedures for surrendering shares for conversion through the facilities of a Depositary (as defined below)), including the form of conversion notice to be delivered by such holders as described below; and (x) the last date on which holders of Series C Preferred Stock may withdraw shares surrendered for conversion and the procedures that such holders must follow to effect such a withdrawal.

(l) The Corporation shall also issue a press release containing such notice provided for in Section 7(k) for publication on Dow Jones & Company, Inc., the Wall Street Journal, Business Wire, PR Newswire or Bloomberg Business News (or, if these organizations are not in existence at the time of issuance of the press release, such other news or press organization as is reasonably calculated to broadly disseminate the relevant information to the public), and post a notice on its website, in any event prior to the opening of business on the first business day following any date on which it provides the notice provided for in Section 7(k) to the holders of Series C Preferred Stock.

(m) To exercise the Change of Control Conversion Right, the holders of Series C Preferred Stock will be required to deliver, on or before the close of business on the Change of Control Conversion Date, the certificates (if any) representing the shares of Series C Preferred Stock to be converted, duly endorsed for transfer (or, in the case of any shares of Series C Preferred Stock held in book-entry form through a Depositary, to deliver, on or before the close of business on the Change of Control Conversion Date, the shares of Series C Preferred Stock to be converted through the facilities of such Depositary), together with a written conversion notice in the form provided by the Corporation, duly completed, to its transfer agent. The conversion notice must state: (i) the relevant Change of Control Conversion Date; (ii) the number of shares of Series C Preferred Stock to be converted; and (iii) that the Series C Preferred Stock is to be converted pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Series C Preferred Stock.

(n) Holders of Series C Preferred Stock may withdraw any notice of exercise of a Change of Control Conversion Right (in whole or in part) by a written notice of withdrawal delivered to the transfer agent of the Corporation prior to the close of business on the Business Day prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date. The notice of withdrawal delivered by any holder must state: (i) the number of withdrawn shares of Series C Preferred Stock; (ii) if certificated Series C Preferred Stock has been surrendered for conversion, the certificate numbers of the withdrawn shares of Series C Preferred Stock; and (iii) the number of shares of Series C Preferred Stock, if any, which remain subject to the holder's conversion notice.

(o) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Sections 7(m) and (n), if any shares of Series C Preferred Stock are held in book-entry form through The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") or a similar depository (each, a "Depository"), the conversion notice and/or the notice of withdrawal, as applicable, must comply with applicable procedures, if any, of the applicable Depository.

(p) Series C Preferred Stock as to which the Change of Control Conversion Right has been properly exercised and for which the conversion notice has not been properly withdrawn will be converted into the applicable Conversion Consideration in accordance with the Change of Control Conversion Right on the Change of Control Conversion Date, unless prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date the Corporation has provided notice of its election to redeem some or all of the shares of Series C Preferred Stock pursuant to Section 6, in which case only the shares of Series C Preferred Stock properly surrendered for conversion and not properly withdrawn that are not called for redemption will be converted as aforesaid. If the Corporation elects to redeem shares of Series C Preferred Stock that would otherwise be converted into the applicable Conversion Consideration on a Change of Control Conversion Date, such shares of Series C Preferred Stock will not be so converted and the holders of such shares will be entitled to receive on the applicable redemption date the redemption price as provided in Section 6.

(q) The Corporation shall deliver all securities, cash and any other property owing upon conversion no later than the third business day following the Change of Control Conversion Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the persons entitled to receive any shares of Common Stock or other securities delivered on conversion will be deemed to have become the holders of record thereof as of the Change of Control Conversion Date.

(r) In connection with the exercise of any Change of Control Conversion Right, the Corporation shall comply with all applicable federal and state securities laws and stock exchange rules in connection with any conversion of Series C Preferred Stock into shares of Common Stock or other property. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Series C Preferred Stock, no holder of Series C Preferred Stock will be entitled to convert such Series C Preferred Stock into shares of Common Stock to the extent that receipt of such Common Stock would cause such holder (or any other person) to exceed the applicable share ownership limitations contained in Article XIII of the Certificate of Incorporation, unless the Corporation provides an exemption from this limitation to such holder pursuant to Article XIII of the Certificate of Incorporation.

(s) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein and except as otherwise required by law, the persons who are the holders of record of shares of Series C Preferred Stock at the close of business on a Dividend Record Date will be entitled to receive the dividend payable on the corresponding Dividend Payment Date notwithstanding the conversion of those shares after such Dividend Record Date and on or prior to such Dividend Payment Date and, in such case, the full amount of such dividend shall be paid on such Dividend Payment Date to the persons who were the holders of record at the close of business on such Dividend Record Date. Except as provided in this Section 7(s), the Corporation will make no allowance for unpaid dividends that are not in arrears on the shares of Series C Preferred Stock to be converted.

Section 8. Voting Rights.

(a) Holders of the Series C Preferred Stock will not have any voting rights, except as set forth in this Section 8 or as otherwise required by law or any applicable stock exchange rules. On each matter on which holders of Series C Preferred Stock are entitled to vote, each share of Series C Preferred Stock will be entitled to

one vote, except that when shares of any other class or series of Preferred Stock have the right to vote with the Series C Preferred Stock as a single class on any matter, the Series C Preferred Stock and the shares of each such other class or series will have one vote for each \$25.00 of liquidation preference (excluding accumulated dividends).

(b) Whenever dividends on any shares of Series C Preferred Stock are in arrears for six or more quarterly Dividend Periods, whether or not consecutive, the number of directors constituting the Board will be automatically increased by two (if not already increased by two by reason of the election of directors by the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock, the Series B Preferred Stock or any other class or series of Preferred Stock that the Corporation may issue and upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and which are entitled to vote with the Series C Preferred Stock as a class with respect to the election of those two directors) and the holders of Series C Preferred Stock (voting as a single class with the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock, the Series B Preferred Stock and the holders of all other classes or series of Preferred Stock that the Corporation may issue upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and which are entitled to vote as a class with the Series C Preferred Stock in the election of those two directors) will be entitled to vote for the election of those two additional directors at a special meeting called by the Corporation at the request of the holders of record of at least 25% of the outstanding shares of Series C Preferred Stock or by the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock, the Series B Preferred Stock or any other class or series of Preferred Stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and which are entitled to vote as a class with the Series C Preferred Stock in the election of those two directors (unless the request is received less than 90 days before the date fixed for the next annual or special meeting of stockholders of the Corporation, in which case such vote will be held at the earlier of the next annual or special meeting of stockholders of the Corporation), and at each subsequent annual meeting until all dividends accumulated on the Series C Preferred Stock for all past Dividend Periods and the then current Dividend Period shall have been fully paid. In that case, the right of holders of the Series C Preferred Stock to elect any directors will cease and, unless there are other classes or series of Preferred Stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable (including the Series A Preferred Stock and the Series B Preferred Stock), any directors elected by holders of the Series C Preferred Stock shall immediately resign and the number of directors constituting the Board shall be reduced accordingly. In no event shall the holders of Series C Preferred Stock be entitled pursuant to the voting rights under this Section 8 to elect a director that would cause the Corporation to fail to satisfy a requirement relating to director independence of any national securities exchange or quotation system on which any class or series of its capital stock is listed or quoted. For the avoidance of doubt, in no event shall the total number of directors elected by holders of the Series C Preferred Stock (voting as a single class with the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock, the Series B Preferred Stock and the holders of all other classes or series of Preferred Stock that the Corporation may issue upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and which are entitled to vote as a class with the Series C Preferred Stock in the election of such directors) pursuant to the voting rights under this Section 8 exceed two.

(c) If a special meeting at a place within the United States designated by the Corporation is not called by the Corporation within 30 days after request from the holders of Series C Preferred Stock as described in Section 8(b), then the holders of record of at least 25% of the outstanding Series C Preferred Stock may designate a holder to call the meeting at the expense of the Corporation and such meeting may be called by the holder so designated upon notice similar to that required for annual meetings of stockholders and shall be held at the place within the United States designated by the holder calling such meeting. The Corporation shall pay all costs and expenses of calling and holding any meeting and of electing directors pursuant to Section 8(b), including, without limitation, the cost of preparing, reproducing and mailing the notice of such meeting, the cost of renting a room for such meeting to be held, and the cost of collecting and tabulating votes.

(d) If, at any time when the voting rights conferred upon the Series C Preferred Stock pursuant to Section 8(b) are exercisable, any vacancy in the office of a director elected pursuant to Section 8(b) shall occur, then such vacancy may be filled only by the remaining director or by the vote of the holders of record of the outstanding Series C Preferred Stock and any other classes or series of Preferred Stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and which are entitled to vote as a class with the Series C Preferred Stock in the election of directors pursuant to Section 8(b). Any director elected or appointed pursuant to Section

8(b) may be removed at any time, with or without cause, only by the affirmative vote of holders of the outstanding Series C Preferred Stock and any other classes or series of Preferred Stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and which classes or series of Preferred Stock are entitled to vote as a class with the Series C Preferred Stock in the election of directors pursuant to Section 8(b), such removal to be effected by the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of the outstanding Series C Preferred Stock and any such other classes or series of Preferred Stock, and may not be removed by the holders of the Common Stock.

(e) So long as any shares of Series C Preferred Stock remain outstanding, the Corporation will not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the shares of the outstanding Series C Preferred Stock and all Parity Stock having like voting rights that are exercisable at the time, voting as a single class, outstanding at the time, given in person or by proxy, either in writing or at a meeting (voting as a single class with all classes or series of Parity Stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable (including, if applicable, the Series A Preferred Stock and the Series B Preferred Stock)), (i) authorize or create, or increase the authorized or issued amount of, any class or series of Senior Stock or reclassify any of the authorized capital stock of the Corporation into such shares, or create, authorize or issue any obligation or security convertible into or evidencing the right to purchase any such shares; or (ii) amend, alter or repeal the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation or this Certificate of Designations, whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise, so as to materially and adversely affect any right, preference, privilege or voting power of holders of the Series C Preferred Stock (each, an “Event”); *provided, however*, with respect to the occurrence of any Event set forth in clause (ii) above, so long as the Series C Preferred Stock remains outstanding with the terms thereof materially unchanged, taking into account that, upon an occurrence of an Event, the Corporation may not be the surviving entity, the occurrence of any such Event shall not be deemed to materially and adversely affect such rights, preferences, privileges or voting powers of holders of the Series C Preferred Stock and, *provided further*, that any increase in the amount of the authorized Preferred Stock, including the Series C Preferred Stock, or the creation or issuance of any additional shares of Series C Preferred Stock or other class or series of Preferred Stock that the Corporation may issue, or any increase in the amounts authorized of any Parity Stock or Junior Stock, shall not be deemed to materially and adversely affect such rights, preferences, privileges or voting powers. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any amendment, alteration or repeal of any provision of the Certificate of Incorporation or this Certificate of Designations would materially and adversely affect any right, preference, privilege or voting power of the Series C Preferred Stock disproportionately relative to any Parity Stock having like voting rights that are exercisable at the time, then the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of the Series C Preferred Stock (voting as a separate class) shall also be required.

(f) The voting rights provided for in this Section 8 will not apply if, at or prior to the time when the act with respect to which voting by holders of the Series C Preferred Stock would otherwise be required pursuant to this Section 8 shall be effected, all outstanding shares of Series C Preferred Stock shall have been redeemed or called for redemption upon proper notice and sufficient funds shall have been deposited in trust to effect such redemption pursuant to Section 6.

(g) Except as expressly stated in this Section 8 or as may be required by applicable law, the Series C Preferred Stock will not have any relative, participating, optional or other special voting rights or powers and the consent of the holders thereof shall not be required for the taking of any corporate action.

Section 9. Information Rights. During any period in which the Corporation is not subject to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act and any shares of Series C Preferred Stock are outstanding, the Corporation will use its best efforts to (i) transmit through the Corporation’s website at www.ellingtonfinancial.com (or other permissible means under the Exchange Act) to all holders of Series C Preferred Stock, as their names and addresses appear on the record books of the Corporation and without cost to such holders, copies of the Annual Reports on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, respectively, that the Corporation would have been required to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act if it were subject thereto (other than any exhibits that would have been required); and (ii) promptly, upon request, supply copies of such reports to any holder or prospective holder of Series C Preferred Stock. The

Corporation will use its best efforts to mail (or otherwise provide) the information to the holders of the Series C Preferred Stock within 15 days after the respective dates by which a periodic report on Form 10-K or Form 10-Q, as the case may be, in respect of such information would have been required to be filed with the SEC, if the Corporation were subject to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, in each case, based on the dates on which the Corporation would be required to file such periodic reports if it were a “non-accelerated filer” within the meaning of the Exchange Act.

Section 10. No Preemptive Rights. No holders of the Series C Preferred Stock will, as holders of Series C Preferred Stock, have any preemptive rights to purchase or subscribe for Common Stock or any other security of the Corporation.

Section 11. Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer. The Series C Preferred Stock shall be subject to the restrictions on ownership and transfer set forth in Article XIII of the Certificate of Incorporation. Any person who violates such restrictions in acquiring actual or constructive ownership of shares of Series C Preferred Stock is required to give notice thereof immediately to the Corporation and provide the Corporation with such other information as the Corporation may request in order to determine the effect of such acquisition on the Corporation’s status as a REIT. All certificates representing shares of the Series C Preferred Stock shall be marked with a legend sufficient under the laws of the State of Delaware to provide a purchaser of such shares with notice of the restrictions on transfer under Article XIII of the Certificate of Incorporation. Nothing in Article XIII of the Certificate of Incorporation shall preclude the settlement of any transactions entered into through the facilities of any national securities exchange or automated inter-dealer quotation system. The fact that settlement of any transaction takes place shall not, however, negate the effect of any provision of Article XIII of the Certificate of Incorporation, and any transferee, and the shares of Series C Preferred Stock transferred to such transferee in such a transaction, shall be subject to all of the provisions and limitations in Article XIII of the Certificate of Incorporation.

Section 12. Record Holders. The Corporation and the transfer agent for the Series C Preferred Stock may deem and treat the record holder of any Series C Preferred Stock as the true and lawful owner thereof for all purposes, and neither the Corporation nor the transfer agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

Section 13. Office or Agency. For so long as any shares of Series C Preferred Stock are outstanding, the Corporation shall at all times maintain an office or agency in one of the 48 contiguous States of the United States of America where shares of Series C Preferred Stock may be surrendered for payment (including upon redemption), registration of transfer or exchange, or conversion.

[THE REMAINDER OF THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused this Certificate of Designations to be signed this 3rd day of February, 2023.

Ellington Financial Inc.

By: /s/ JR Herlihy

Name: JR Herlihy

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Number 1
8.625% SERIES C FIXED-RATE RESET CUMULATIVE REDEEMABLE
PREFERRED STOCK

[] Shares
8.625% SERIES C FIXED-RATE RESET CUMULATIVE
REDEEMABLE PREFERRED STOCK

Ellington Financial Inc.
A CORPORATION FORMED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF
DELAWARE

**SEE REVERSE FOR IMPORTANT
NOTICE ON
TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS AND OTHER
INFORMATION**
CUSIP 28852N 406
ISIN US28852N4060

This Certifies that Cede & Co.

is the record holder of []

FULLY PAID AND NON-ASSESSABLE SHARES OF 8.625% SERIES C FIXED-RATE RESET CUMULATIVE REDEEMABLE PREFERRED
STOCK, \$0.001 PAR VALUE PER SHARE, OF

Ellington Financial Inc.

(the "Corporation") transferable on the books of the Corporation by the holder hereof in person or by its duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed. This Certificate and the shares represented hereby are issued and shall be held subject to all of the provisions of the certificate of incorporation of the Corporation and any amendments thereto (the "Charter") and the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Corporation and any amendments thereto. This Certificate is not valid unless countersigned and registered by the Transfer Agent and Registrar.

Dated:

COUNTERSIGNED AND REGISTERED:
**AMERICAN STOCK TRANSFER AND TRUST
COMPANY**, Transfer Agent & Registrar

NAME:
TITLE: SECRETARY

By: _____
Authorized Signature

NAME:

TITLE:

NAME:
TITLE: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE CORPORATION WILL FURNISH WITHOUT CHARGE TO EACH STOCKHOLDER WHO SO REQUESTS, A SUMMARY OF THE POWERS, DESIGNATIONS, PREFERENCES AND RELATIVE, PARTICIPATING, OPTIONAL OR OTHER SPECIAL RIGHTS OF EACH CLASS OF STOCK OF THE CORPORATION AND THE QUALIFICATIONS, LIMITATIONS OR RESTRICTIONS OF SUCH PREFERENCES AND RIGHTS, AND THE VARIATIONS IN RIGHTS, PREFERENCES AND LIMITATIONS DETERMINED FOR EACH SERIES, WHICH ARE FIXED BY THE CHARTER AND THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION AND THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO DETERMINE VARIATIONS FOR FUTURE SERIES. SUCH REQUEST MAY BE MADE TO THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE CORPORATION OR TO THE TRANSFER AGENT. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY REQUIRE THE OWNER OF A LOST OR DESTROYED STOCK CERTIFICATE, OR HIS LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, TO GIVE THE CORPORATION A BOND TO INDEMNIFY IT AND ITS TRANSFER AGENTS AND REGISTRARS AGAINST ANY CLAIM THAT MAY BE MADE AGAINST THEM ON ACCOUNT OF THE ALLEGED LOSS OR DESTRUCTION OF ANY SUCH CERTIFICATE.

THE SHARES OF THE CORPORATION'S 8.625% SERIES C FIXED-RATE RESET CUMULATIVE REDEEMABLE PREFERRED STOCK (THE "PREFERRED STOCK") REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE ARE SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS ON BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP, CONSTRUCTIVE OWNERSHIP AND TRANSFER (AS EACH SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN THE CHARTER) FOR PURPOSES OF THE CORPORATION'S QUALIFICATION AS, OR MAINTENANCE OF ITS STATUS AS, A REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (A "REIT") UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "CODE"). SUBJECT TO CERTAIN FURTHER RESTRICTIONS AND EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THE CHARTER (I) NO PERSON (AS DEFINED IN THE CHARTER) MAY BENEFICIALLY OWN OR CONSTRUCTIVELY OWN SHARES OF ANY CLASS OR SERIES OF THE CORPORATION'S STOCK (THE "CAPITAL STOCK") IN EXCESS OF 9.8% (IN VALUE OR NUMBER OF SHARES, WHICHEVER IS MORE RESTRICTIVE) OF THE TOTAL OUTSTANDING SHARES OF SUCH CLASS OR SERIES OF CAPITAL STOCK, UNLESS SUCH PERSON IS AN EXCEPTED HOLDER (AS DEFINED IN THE CHARTER), IN WHICH CASE THE EXCEPTED HOLDER LIMIT (AS DEFINED IN THE CHARTER) SHALL BE APPLICABLE; (II) NO PERSON MAY BENEFICIALLY OWN OR CONSTRUCTIVELY OWN SHARES OF CAPITAL STOCK THAT WOULD RESULT IN THE CORPORATION BEING CLOSELY HELD UNDER SECTION 856(H) OF THE CODE OR OTHERWISE CAUSE THE CORPORATION TO FAIL TO QUALIFY AS A REIT; AND (III) ANY TRANSFER OF SHARES OF CAPITAL STOCK THAT, IF EFFECTIVE, WOULD RESULT IN THE CAPITAL STOCK BEING BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY LESS THAN 100 PERSONS (DETERMINED UNDER THE PRINCIPLES OF SECTION 856(A)(5) OF THE CODE) SHALL BE VOID AB INITIO, AND THE INTENDED TRANSFEREE SHALL ACQUIRE NO RIGHTS IN SUCH SHARES OF CAPITAL STOCK. FOR PURPOSES OF SUCH LIMITATIONS, ANY PERSON WHO BENEFICIALLY OWNS OR CONSTRUCTIVELY OWNS, OR ATTEMPTS TO BENEFICIALLY OWN OR CONSTRUCTIVELY OWN SHARES OF CAPITAL STOCK WHICH CAUSES OR WILL CAUSE A PERSON TO BENEFICIALLY OWN OR CONSTRUCTIVELY OWN SHARES OF CAPITAL STOCK IN EXCESS OR IN VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE LIMITATIONS MUST IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE CORPORATION. IF ANY OF THE RESTRICTIONS PROVIDED IN (I) OR (II) ABOVE ON BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP, CONSTRUCTIVE OWNERSHIP OR TRANSFER ARE VIOLATED, THE SHARES OF PREFERRED STOCK IN EXCESS OR IN VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE LIMITATIONS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY TRANSFERRED TO A TRUST (AS DEFINED IN THE CHARTER) FOR THE BENEFIT OF ONE OR MORE CHARITABLE BENEFICIARIES (AS DEFINED IN THE CHARTER). IN ADDITION, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL TAKE SUCH ACTION AS IT DEEMS ADVISABLE TO REFUSE TO GIVE EFFECT TO OR PREVENT SUCH TRANSFER OR OTHER EVENT, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, CAUSING THE CORPORATION TO REDEEM SHARES OF CAPITAL STOCK; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY TRANSFER OR ATTEMPTED TRANSFER OR OTHER EVENT IN VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE RESTRICTIONS ON BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP, CONSTRUCTIVE OWNERSHIP AND TRANSFER SHALL AUTOMATICALLY RESULT IN THE ABOVE TRANSFER TO THE TRUST AND, WHERE APPLICABLE, SUCH TRANSFER (OR OTHER EVENT) SHALL BE VOID AB INITIO AS PROVIDED ABOVE IRRESPECTIVE OF ANY ACTION (OR NON-ACTION) BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY, PURSUANT TO THE CHARTER, INCREASE OR DECREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF PREFERRED STOCK OR CAPITAL STOCK THAT A PERSON MAY BENEFICIALLY OWN OR CONSTRUCTIVELY OWN.

A COPY OF THE CHARTER, INCLUDING THE ABOVE RESTRICTIONS ON BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP, CONSTRUCTIVE OWNERSHIP AND TRANSFER, WILL BE FURNISHED TO EACH HOLDER OF CAPITAL STOCK ON REQUEST AND WITHOUT CHARGE. REQUESTS FOR SUCH A COPY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE CORPORATION AT ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICE.

KEEP THIS CERTIFICATE IN A SAFE PLACE. IF IT IS LOST, STOLEN OR DESTROYED, THE CORPORATION MAY REQUIRE A BOND OF INDEMNITY AS A CONDITION TO THE ISSUANCE OF A REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATE.

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this Certificate, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM - as tenants in common

UNIF GIFT MIN ACT

Custodian

TEN ENT - as tenants by the entireties

(Custodian)

(Minor)

JT TEN - as joint tenants with right of survivorship
and not as tenants in common

under Uniform Gifts to Minors Act of

(State)

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list.

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

(Please Insert Social Security or other
Identifying Number of Assignee)

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPEWRITE NAME AND ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE, OF ADDRESSEE

shares of the Preferred Stock represented by this Certificate, and do(es) hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint

Attorney to transfer the said shares on the books of the Corporation, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated _____

X _____

X _____

NOTICE: The Signature To This Assignment Must Correspond With The
Name As Written Upon The Face Of The Certificate In Every Particular,
Without Alteration Or Enlargement Or Any Change Whatsoever.