

# Business Membership & Account Agreement

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## BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP AND ACCOUNT AGREEMENT

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR OPENING A NEW ACCOUNT** - To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person who opens an account.

What this means for you: When you open an account, we will ask for your name, address, date of birth (for individuals), and other information that will allow us to identify you. We may also ask to see your driver's license (for individuals) or other identifying documents.

**AGREEMENT** - This Business Membership and Account Agreement, along with any other documents we give you pertaining to your account(s), is a contract (also referred to as "this agreement") that establishes rules which control your account(s) and membership with us. Please read this carefully and retain it for future reference. If you sign the Membership and Account Agreement or open the account (whether in-person, electronically, or by any other method permitted by us) or continue to use the account after receiving a notice of change or amendment, you agree to these rules and any related credit union policy. If you have any questions, please ask us.

This agreement is subject to applicable federal laws, the laws of the state of New York and other applicable rules such as the operating letters of the Federal Reserve Banks and payment processing system rules (except to the extent that this agreement can and does vary such rules or laws). The body of state and federal law that governs our relationship with you, however, is too large and complex to be reproduced here. The purpose of this agreement is to:

- (1) describe your and our rights and responsibilities relating to your account(s), services and membership;
- (2) summarize some laws that apply to common transactions;
- (3) establish rules to cover transactions or events which the law does not regulate;
- (4) establish rules for certain transactions or events which the law regulates but permits variation by agreement; and
- (5) give you disclosures of some of our policies to which you may be entitled or in which you may be interested.

If any provision of this agreement is found to be unenforceable according to its terms, all remaining provisions will continue in full force and effect. Nothing in this agreement is intended to vary our duty to act in good faith and with ordinary care when required by law.

As used in this agreement the words "we," "our," and "us" mean Empower Federal Credit Union and the words "you" and "your" mean the member, account holder(s) and anyone else with the authority to deposit, withdraw, or exercise control over the funds in the account. However, this agreement does not intend, and the terms "you" and "your" should not be interpreted, to expand an individual's responsibility for an organization's liability. If this account is owned by a corporation, partnership or other organization, individual liability is determined by the laws generally applicable to that type of organization. The headings in this agreement are for convenience or reference only and will not govern the interpretation of the provisions. Unless it would be inconsistent to do so, words and phrases used in this agreement should be construed so the singular includes the plural and the plural includes the singular.

**BYLAWS** - Our bylaws, which we may amend from time to time, establish basic rules about our credit union policies and operations which affect your account(s) and membership. You may obtain a copy of the bylaws on request. Our right to require you to give us notice of your intention to withdraw funds from your account(s) is described in the bylaws. Unless we have agreed otherwise, you are not entitled to receive any original item after it is paid, although you may request that we send you an item(s) or a copy of an item(s). As set forth in the bylaws, your membership share must not be reduced below the value of one share ("Par Value") (presently set at \$1.00) or your membership may be terminated.

**LIABILITY** - You agree, for yourself (and the person or entity you represent if you sign as a representative of another) to the terms of this account and the schedule of fees. You authorize us to deduct these fees, without notice to you, directly from the account balance as accrued. You will pay any additional reasonable charges for services you request which are not covered by this agreement.

Each of you also agrees to be jointly and severally (individually) liable for any account shortage resulting from charges or overdrafts, whether caused by you or another with access to this account. This liability is due immediately, and we can deduct any amounts deposited into the account and apply those amounts to the shortage. You have no right to defer payment of this liability, and you are liable regardless of whether you signed the item or benefited from the charge or overdraft.

You will be liable for our costs as well as for our reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent permitted by law, whether incurred as a result of collection or in any other dispute involving your account. This includes, but is not limited to, disputes between you and another joint owner; you and an authorized signer or similar party; or a third party claiming an interest in your account. This also includes any action that you or a third party takes regarding the account that causes us, in good faith, to seek the advice of an attorney, whether or not we become involved in the dispute. All costs and attorneys' fees can be deducted from your account when they are incurred, without notice to you.

**DEPOSITS** - Funds may be deposited in any manner approved by us. You agree not to deposit checks, drafts, or other items before they are properly payable. We are not obligated to pay any check or draft drawn on your account that is presented more than six months past its date. We will give only provisional credit until collection is final for any items, other than cash, we accept for deposit (including items drawn "on us"). Before settlement of any item becomes final, we act only as your agent, regardless of the form of indorsement or lack of indorsement on the item and even though we provide you provisional credit for the item. We may reverse any provisional credit for items that are lost, stolen, or returned. Unless prohibited by law, we also reserve the right to charge back to your account the amount of any item deposited to your account or cashed for you which was initially paid by the payor bank and which is later returned to us due to an allegedly forged, unauthorized or missing indorsement, claim of alteration, encoding error, counterfeit cashier's check or other problem which in our judgment justifies reversal of credit. You authorize us to attempt to collect previously returned items without giving you notice, and in attempting to collect we may permit the payor bank to hold an item beyond the midnight deadline. Actual credit for deposits of, or payable in, foreign currency will be at the exchange rate in effect on final collection in U.S. dollars. We are not responsible for transactions by mail or outside depository until we actually record them. We will treat and record all transactions received after our "daily cutoff time" on a business day we are open, or received on a day we are not open for business, as if initiated on the next business day that we are open. At our option, we may take an item for collection rather than for deposit. If we accept a third-party check or draft for deposit, we may require any third-party indorsers to verify or guarantee their indorsements, or indorse in our presence.



## WITHDRAWALS -

**Important terms for accounts where more than one person can withdraw** - Unless clearly indicated otherwise on the account records, any of you, acting alone, who signs to open the account or has authority to make withdrawals may withdraw or transfer all or any part of the account balance at any time. Each of you (until we receive written notice to the contrary) authorizes each other person who signs or has authority to make withdrawals to indorse any item payable to you or your order for deposit to this account or any other transaction with us.

**Postdated checks** - A postdated check is one which bears a date later than the date on which the check is written. You agree not to issue any check or draft that is payable on a future date. We may properly pay and charge your account for a postdated check even though payment was made before the date of the check, you agree that we shall have no liability to you for such payment.

**Checks and withdrawal rules** - If you do not purchase your check blanks from us, you must be certain that we approve the check blanks you purchase. We may refuse any withdrawal or transfer request which you attempt on forms not approved by us or by any method we do not specifically permit. We may refuse any withdrawal or transfer request which is greater in number than the frequency permitted by our policy, or which is for an amount greater or less than any withdrawal limitations. We will use the date the transaction is completed by us (as opposed to the date you initiate it) to apply any frequency limitations. In addition, we may place limitations on the account until your identity is verified.

Even if we honor a nonconforming request, we are not required to do so later. If you violate the stated transaction limitations (if any), in our discretion we may close your account or reclassify your account as another type of account. If we reclassify your account, your account will be subject to the fees and earnings rules of the new account classification.

If we are presented with an item drawn against your account that would be a "substitute check," as defined by law, but for an error or defect in the item introduced in the substitute check creation process, you agree that we may pay such item.

**Cash withdrawals** - We recommend you take care when making large cash withdrawals because carrying large amounts of cash may pose a danger to your personal safety. As an alternative to making a large cash withdrawal, you may want to consider a cashier's check or similar instrument. You assume full responsibility of any loss in the event the cash you withdraw is lost, stolen, or destroyed. You agree to hold us harmless from any loss you incur as a result of your decision to withdraw funds in the form of cash.

**Multiple signatures, electronic check conversion, and similar transactions** - An electronic check conversion transaction is a transaction where a check or similar item is converted into an electronic fund transfer as defined in the Electronic Fund Transfers regulation. In these types of transactions the check or similar item is either removed from circulation (truncated) or given back to you. As a result, we have no opportunity to review the signatures or otherwise examine the original check or item. You agree that, as to these or any items as to which we have no opportunity to examine the signatures, you waive any requirement of multiple signatures.

## UNDERSTANDING AND AVOIDING OVERDRAFT AND NONSUFFICIENT FUNDS (NSF) FEES -

**Generally** - The information in this section is being provided to help you understand what happens if your account is overdrawn. Understanding the concepts of overdrafts and nonsufficient funds (NSF) is important and can help you avoid being assessed fees or charges. This section also provides contractual terms relating to overdrafts and NSF transactions.

An overdrawn account will typically result in you being charged an overdraft fee or an NSF fee. Generally, an overdraft occurs when there is not enough money in your account to pay for a transaction, but we pay (or cover) the transaction anyway. An NSF transaction is slightly different. In an NSF transaction, we do not cover the transaction. Instead, the transaction is rejected and the item or requested payment is returned. In either situation, we can charge you a fee.

**Determining your available balance** - We use the "available balance" method to determine whether your account is overdrawn, that is, whether there is enough money in your account to pay for a transaction. Importantly, your "available" balance may not be the same as your account's "actual" balance. This means an overdraft or an NSF transaction could occur regardless of your account's actual balance.

Your account's actual balance (sometimes called the ledger balance) only includes transactions that have settled up to that point in time, that is, transactions (deposits and payments) that have posted to your account. The actual balance does not include outstanding transactions (such as checks that have not yet cleared and electronic transactions that have been authorized but which are still pending). The balance on your periodic statement is the ledger balance for your account as of the statement date.

As the name implies, your available balance is calculated based on the money "available" in your account to make payments. In other words, the available balance takes ACH credit transactions and debit card transactions that have been authorized, but not yet settled, and adds or subtracts them from the actual balance. In addition, when calculating your available balance, any "holds" placed on deposits that have not yet cleared are also subtracted from the actual balance. For more information on how holds placed on funds in your account can impact your available balance, read the subsection titled "A temporary debit authorization hold affects your account balance" and "Your Ability to Withdraw Funds" disclosure also provided.

**Overdrafts** - You understand that we may, at our discretion, honor withdrawal requests that overdraw your account. However, the fact that we may honor withdrawal requests that overdraw the account balance does not obligate us to do so later. So you can NOT rely on us to pay overdrafts on your account regardless of how frequently or under what circumstances we have paid overdrafts on your account in the past. We can change our practice of paying, or not paying, discretionary overdrafts on your account without notice to you. You can ask us if we have other account services that might be available to you where we commit to paying overdrafts under certain circumstances, such as an overdraft protection line-of-credit or a plan to sweep funds from another account you have with us. You agree that we may charge fees for overdrafts. These overdrafts and fees are due immediately and your account will automatically settle. We may use subsequent deposits, including direct deposits of social security or other government benefits, to cover such overdrafts and overdraft fees.

**Nonsufficient funds (NSF) fees** - If an item drafted by you (such as a check) or a transaction you set up (such as a preauthorized transfer) is presented for payment in an amount that is more than the amount of money available in your account, and we decide not to pay the item or transaction, you agree that we can charge you an NSF fee for returning the payment. Be aware that such an item or payment may be presented multiple times by the merchant or other payee until it is paid, and that we do not monitor or control the number of times a transaction is presented for payment. You agree that we may charge you an NSF fee each time a payment is presented if the amount of money available in your account is not sufficient to cover the payment, regardless of the number of times the payment is presented. This may result in multiple NSF fees for the same item.

**Payment types** - Some, but not necessarily all, of the ways you can access the funds in your account include debit card transactions, automated clearing house (ACH) transactions, and check transactions. All these payment types can use different processing systems and some may take more or less time to post. This information is important for a number of reasons. For example, keeping track of the checks you write and the timing of the preauthorized payments you set up will help you to know what other transactions might still post against your account.

**Balance information** - Keeping track of your balance is important. You may review your balance in a number of ways including reviewing your periodic statement, reviewing your balance online, accessing your account information by phone, or coming into one of our branches.

**Funds availability** - Knowing when funds you deposit into your account will be made available for withdrawal is another important concept that can help you avoid being assessed fees or charges. Please see our funds availability disclosure (generally titled, "Your Ability to Withdraw Funds") for information on when different types of deposits will be made available for withdrawal. For an account to which our funds availability policy disclosure does not apply, you can ask us when you make a deposit when those funds will be available for withdrawal. An item may be returned after the funds from the deposit of that item are made available for withdrawal. In that case, we will reverse the credit of the item. We may determine the amount of available funds in your account for the purpose of deciding whether to return an item for insufficient funds at any time between the times we receive the item and when we return the item or send a notice in lieu of return. We need only make one determination, but if we choose to make a subsequent determination, the account balance at the subsequent time will determine whether there are insufficient available funds.

**A temporary debit authorization hold affects your account balance** - On debit card purchases, merchants may request a temporary hold on your account for a specified sum of money when the merchant does not know the exact amount of the purchase at the time the card is authorized. The amount of the temporary hold may be more than the actual amount of your purchase. Some common transactions where this occurs involve purchases of gasoline, hotel rooms, or meals at restaurants. When this happens, our processing system cannot determine that the amount of the hold exceeds the actual amount of your purchase. This temporary hold, and the amount charged to your account, will eventually be adjusted to the actual amount of your purchase, but it could be three calendar days, or even longer in some cases, before the adjustment is made. Until the adjustment is made, the amount of funds in your account available for other transactions will be reduced by the amount of the temporary hold. If one or more transactions are presented for payment in an amount greater than the funds left after the deduction of the temporary hold amount, you will be charged an NSF or overdraft fee according to our NSF or overdraft fee policy, which may result in one or more overdraft or NSF fees. You will be charged the fee even if you would have had sufficient funds in your account if the amount of the hold had been equal to the amount of your purchase.

**BUSINESS, ORGANIZATION AND ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS** - You represent that you have the authority to open and conduct business on this account on behalf of the entity. We may require the governing body of the entity opening the account to give us a separate authorization telling us who is authorized to act on its behalf ("Agents"). We will honor the authorization until we actually receive written notice of a change from the governing body of the entity. We have no obligation to inquire as to the use of any funds or the purpose of any transaction made on your account by an Agent and are not responsible for any transaction by an Agent. We will not be liable for refusing to honor any item or instruction if we believe the signature is not genuine. It is your responsibility to provide us with specimen signatures of all Agents and to inform us immediately of any changes. You also have an affirmative duty to notify us of any changes which may affect the authorizations previously granted by you to your agent. Earnings in the form of interest, dividends, or credits will be paid only on collected funds, unless otherwise provided by law or our policy.

**BUSINESS OPERATIONS** - You attest that you are not in the business of money servicing and do not provide money servicing products or services as part of your business. You shall inform us of if there is an alteration in your organization's operations which would result in a change of the original intent of any accounts you have with us, in the transaction volume, products and services you may need from us, and the geographic locations which may be involved in our relationship with you. You shall inform us of any significant (more than twenty-five percent) change in ownership status in the organization.

**STOP PAYMENTS** - The rules in this section cover stopping payment of items such as checks and drafts. Rules for stopping payment of other types of transfers of funds, such as consumer electronic fund transfers, may be established by law or our policy. If we have not disclosed these rules to you elsewhere, you may ask us about those rules.

A stop-payment order must be given in the manner required by law and must be received in time to give us a reasonable opportunity to act on it. When you place your stop-payment order we will tell you what information we need to stop payment. This information must be exact since stop-payment orders are handled by automation. If your information is not exact your order will not be effective and we will not be responsible for failure to stop payment. We will honor a stop-payment request by the authorized person who signed the particular item, and, by any other authorized person, even though such other authorized person did not sign the item.

If you stop payment on an item and we incur any damages or expenses because of the stop payment, you agree to indemnify us for those damages or expenses, including attorneys' fees. You assign to us all rights against the payee or any other holder of the item. You agree to cooperate with us in any legal actions that we may take against such persons. You should be aware that anyone holding the item may be entitled to enforce payment against you despite the stop-payment order.

**TELEPHONE TRANSFERS** - A telephone transfer of funds from this account to another account with us, if otherwise arranged for or permitted, may be made by the same persons and under the same conditions generally applicable to withdrawals made in writing.

**MEMBERSHIP AND ACCOUNT TERMINATION** - You may terminate your membership by giving us written notice or by withdrawing your minimum required membership share(s) if any and closing all your accounts. We may terminate your membership and you may be expelled for any reason as allowed by applicable law, including the Federal Credit Union Act. We may only terminate your membership share account per our Bylaws for a failure by you to maintain par value (\$1.00) on deposit following required (six months) notice given. We may terminate your other account(s) at any time without notice to you or may require you to close your account and apply for a new account if (1) there is a change in or a question of owners or authorized signers; (2) there has been a forgery or fraud reported or committed involving your account; (3) there is a dispute as to the ownership of the account or of the funds in the account; (4) any checks or drafts are lost or stolen; (5) there are excessive returned unpaid items not covered by an overdraft protection plan; (6) there has been any

misrepresentation or any other abuse of any of your accounts; (7) you have caused a loss to us or we reasonably deem it necessary to prevent a loss to us; or (8) in our sole discretion it is necessary to comply with applicable law, regulation or court order. You may terminate an individual account by giving written notice. We reserve the right to require the consent of all owners to terminate a joint account. We are not responsible for payment of any check, draft, withdrawal, transaction, or other item after your account is terminated; however, if we pay an item after termination you agree to reimburse us.

Should you be an account owner of a membership share par account and that account is later closed (by you or per our Bylaws or applicable law), to restore your membership status and the rights and privileges of a member you must establish a new membership share account and deposit the then current par value amount as set forth in our Bylaws (presently set at \$1.00). If you do not establish the new membership savings account in your name you may not be able to access your account(s), any open account may be terminated and you will not be able to access any available credit on a credit card, credit line and/or other loan. Any restoration to membership may be subject to our approval based on continued membership eligibility and subject to whether said member was previously determined to be abusive under the Abusive Member Policy or expelled by law.

**DENIAL OF MEMBER SERVICES** - You may be denied services by us for, among other things, causing us a loss subject to our Denial of Member Services Policy or engaging in abusive conduct as set forth in our Abusive Member Policy.

**AMENDMENTS** - We may change our bylaws and any term of this agreement. Rules governing changes in rates are provided separately in the Truth-in-Savings disclosure or in another document. For other changes we will give you reasonable notice as required by applicable law in writing or by any other method permitted by law.

**CORRECTION OF CLERICAL ERRORS** - Unless otherwise prohibited by law, you agree, if determined necessary in our reasonable discretion, to allow us to correct clerical errors, such as obtaining your missing signature, on any account documents or disclosures that are part of our agreement with you. For errors on your periodic statement, please refer to the STATEMENTS section.

**NOTICES** - Any written notice you give us is effective when we actually receive it, and it must be given to us according to the specific delivery instructions provided elsewhere, if any. We must receive any notice in time to have a reasonable opportunity to act on it. If a notice is regarding a check or other item, you must give us sufficient information to be able to identify the check or item, including the precise check or item number, amount, date and payee. Notice we give you via the United States Mail is effective when it is deposited in the United States Mail with proper postage and addressed to your mailing address we currently have on file. Notice we give you through your email of record, or other electronic method to which you agreed, will be treated as delivered to you when sent. Notice to any of you is notice to all of you.

**STATEMENTS - Your duty to report unauthorized signatures (including forgeries and counterfeit checks) and alterations on checks and other items** - You must examine your statement of account with "reasonable care and promptness" not to exceed 14 days. If you discover (or reasonably should have discovered) any unauthorized signatures (including forgeries and counterfeit checks) or alterations, you must promptly notify us of the relevant facts. As between you and us, if you fail to do either of these duties, you will have to bear the entire loss. Your loss could be not only with respect to items on the statement but other items with unauthorized signatures or alterations by the same wrongdoer. We lose these protections if you establish that we failed to exercise ordinary care in paying an item with an unauthorized signature or alteration within 60 days.

You agree that the time you have to examine your statement and report to us will depend on the circumstances, but will not, in any circumstance, exceed a total of 14 days from when the statement is first sent or made available to you.

You further agree that if you fail to report any unauthorized transfers or alterations in your account within 60 days of when we first send or make the statement available, you cannot assert a claim against us on any items in that statement, and as between you and us the loss will be entirely yours. This 60-day limitation is without regard to whether we used ordinary care. The limitation in this paragraph is in addition to that contained in the first paragraph of this section.

**Your duty to report other errors or problems** - In addition to your duty to review your statements for unauthorized signatures and alterations or transfers, you agree to examine your statement with reasonable promptness for any other error or problem - such as an encoding error or an unexpected deposit amount. Also, if you receive or we make available either your items or images of your items, you must examine them for any unauthorized or missing indorsements or any other problems. You agree that the time you have to examine your statement and items and report to us will depend on the circumstances. However, this time period shall not exceed 60 days. Failure to examine your statement and items and report any errors to us within 60 days of when we first send or make the statement available precludes you from asserting a claim against us for any errors on items identified in that statement and as between you and us the loss will be entirely yours.

**Duty to notify if statement not received** - You agree to immediately notify us if you do not receive your statement by the date you normally expect to receive it. Not receiving your statement in a timely manner is a sign that there may be an issue with your account, such as possible fraud or identity theft. Absent a lack of ordinary care by us, a failure to receive your statement in a timely manner does not extend the time you have to conduct your review under this agreement.

**ACCOUNT TRANSFER** - Except as required by law, this account may not be transferred or assigned without our prior written consent.

**REIMBURSEMENT OF FEDERAL BENEFIT PAYMENTS** - If we are required for any reason to reimburse the federal government for all or any portion of a benefit payment that was directly deposited into your account, you authorize us to deduct the amount of our liability to the federal government from the account or from any other account you have with us, without prior notice and at any time, except as prohibited by law. We may also use any other available legal remedy to recover the amount of our liability.

**RIGHT TO REPAYMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS** - You each agree that we may (when permitted by law) charge against and deduct from all accounts you have now and in the future any due and payable debt any of you owe us now or in the future. If this account is owned by one or more of you as individuals, we may set off any funds in the account against a due and payable debt you owe us now or in the future. If your debt arises from a promissory note, then the amount of the due and payable debt will be the full amount we have demanded, as entitled under the terms of the note, and this amount may include any portion of the balance for which we have properly accelerated the due date.

In addition to these contract rights, we may also have a “statutory lien.” A “lien” on property is a creditor’s right to obtain ownership of the property in the event a debtor defaults on a debt, in the case of an account, its funds. A “statutory lien” is one created by federal or state statute. If federal or state law provides us with a statutory lien, then we are authorized to apply, without further notice, your shares and dividends to any debt you owe us, in accord with the statutory lien. Our statutory lien rights allow us to apply the funds in your account(s) to the extent you owe us when you are in default, except as limited by law. If we do not apply the funds in your account(s) to satisfy your obligation, we may place an administrative freeze on your account(s) in order to protect our statutory lien rights and may apply the funds in your accounts to the amount you owe us at a later time. By not enforcing our right to apply funds in your account to your obligations that are in default, we do not waive our right to enforce these rights at a later time.

Neither our contract rights nor rights under a statutory lien apply to this account if prohibited by law. We will not be liable for the dishonor of any check or draft when the dishonor occurs because we charge and deduct an amount you owe us from your account. You agree to hold us harmless from any claim arising as a result of our exercise of our right to repayment. We may report information about your loan, share, or deposit accounts to credit bureaus. Late payments, missed payments, or other defaults on your accounts may be reflected in your credit report. Upon request, we will give you the name and address of each agency from which we obtain a credit report regarding your account.

**RESTRICTIVE LEGENDS OR INDORSEMENTS** - The automated processing of the large volume of checks we receive prevents us from inspecting or looking for restrictive legends, restrictive indorsements or other special instructions on every check. For this reason, we are not required to honor any restrictive legend or indorsement or other special instruction placed on checks you write unless we have agreed in writing to the restriction or instruction. Unless we have agreed in writing, we are not responsible for any losses, claims, damages, or expenses that result from your placement of these restrictions or instructions on your checks. Examples of restrictive legends placed on checks are “must be presented within 90 days” or “not valid for more than \$1,000.00.” The payee’s signature accompanied by the words “for deposit only” is an example of a restrictive indorsement.

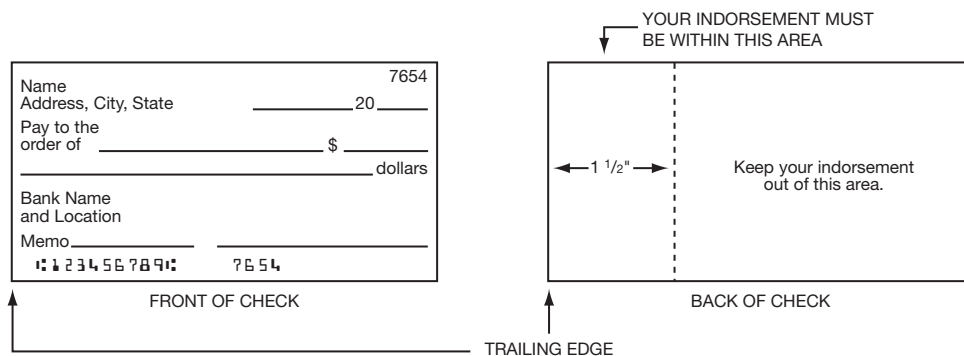
**CHECK PROCESSING** - We process items mechanically by relying almost exclusively on the information encoded in magnetic ink along the bottom of the items. This means that we do not individually examine all of your items to determine if the item is properly completed, signed and indorsed or to determine if it contains any information other than what is encoded in magnetic ink. You agree that we have exercised ordinary care if our automated processing is consistent with general banking practice, even though we do not inspect each item. Because we do not inspect each item, if you write a check to multiple payees, we can properly pay the check regardless of the number of indorsements. We are not responsible for any unauthorized signature or alteration that would not be identified by a reasonable inspection of the item. Using an automated process helps us keep costs down for you and all account holders.

**CHECK CASHING** - We may charge a fee for anyone that does not have an account with us who is cashing a check, draft or other instrument written on your account. We may also require reasonable identification to cash a check, draft or other instrument. We can decide what identification is reasonable under the circumstances and such identification may be documentary or physical and may include collecting a thumbprint or fingerprint.

**INDORSEMENTS** - We may accept for deposit any item payable to you or your order, even if they are not indorsed by you. We may give cash back to any one of you. We may supply any missing indorsement(s) for any item we accept for deposit or collection, and you warrant that all indorsements are genuine.

To ensure that your check or share draft is processed without delay, you must indorse it (sign it on the back) in a specific area. Your entire indorsement (whether a signature or a stamp) along with any other indorsement information (e.g. additional indorsements, ID information, driver’s license number, etc.) must fall within 1 1/2” of the “trailing edge” of a check. Indorsements must be made in blue or black ink, so that they are readable by automated check processing equipment.

As you look at the front of a check, the “trailing edge” is the left edge. When you flip the check over, be sure to keep all indorsement information within 1 1/2” of that edge.



It is important that you confine the indorsement information to this area since the remaining blank space will be used by others in the processing of the check to place additional needed indorsements and information. You agree that you will indemnify, defend, and hold us harmless for any loss, liability, damage or expense that occurs because your indorsement, another indorsement or information you have printed on the back of the check obscures our indorsement.

These indorsement guidelines apply to both personal and business checks.

**DEATH OR INCOMPETENCE** - You agree to notify us promptly if any person with a right to withdraw funds from your account(s) dies or is adjudicated (determined by the appropriate official) incompetent. We may continue to honor your checks, items, and instructions until: (a) we know of your death or adjudication of incompetence, and (b) we have had a reasonable opportunity to act on that knowledge. You agree that we may pay or certify checks drawn on or before the date of death or adjudication of incompetence for up to ten (10) days after your death or adjudication of incompetence unless ordered to stop payment by someone demonstrating an interest in the account.



**FIDUCIARY ACCOUNTS** - Accounts may be opened by a person acting in a fiduciary capacity. A fiduciary is someone who is appointed to act on behalf of and for the benefit of another. We are not responsible for the actions of a fiduciary, including the misuse of funds. This account may be opened and maintained by a person or persons named as a trustee under a written trust agreement, or as executors, administrators, or conservators under court orders. You understand that by merely opening such an account, we are not acting in the capacity of a trustee in connection with the trust nor do we undertake any obligation to monitor or enforce the terms of the trust or letters.

**LEGAL ACTIONS AFFECTING YOUR ACCOUNT** - If we are served with a subpoena, restraining order, writ of attachment or execution, levy, garnishment, search warrant, or similar order relating to your account (termed "legal action" in this section), we will comply with that legal action as required by applicable law. However, nothing in this agreement shall be construed as a waiver of any rights you may have under applicable law with regards to such legal action. Subject to applicable law, we may, in our sole discretion, choose to freeze the assets in the account and not allow any payments or transfers out of the account, or take other action as may be appropriate under the circumstances, until there is a final court determination regarding the legal action. We may do these things even if the legal action involves less than all of you. In these cases, we will not have any liability to you if there are insufficient funds to pay your items because we have withdrawn funds from your account or in any way restricted access to your funds in accordance with the legal action and applicable law. Any fees or expenses we incur in responding to any legal action (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, and our internal expenses) may be charged against your account, unless otherwise prohibited by applicable law. The list of fees applicable to your account(s) - provided elsewhere - may specify additional fees that we may charge for responding to certain legal actions. Any legal action against your account(s) is subject to our statutory lien and security interest.

#### **ACCOUNT SECURITY** -

**Your duty to protect account information and methods of access** - Our policy may require methods of verifying your identity before providing you with a service or allowing you access to your account. We can decide what identification is reasonable under the circumstances. For example, process and identification requirements may vary depending on whether they are online or in person. Identification may be documentary or physical and may include collecting a fingerprint, voiceprint, or other biometric information.

It is your responsibility to protect the account numbers and electronic access devices (e.g., an ATM card, point-of-sale card and/or PIN) we provide you for your accounts. You should also safeguard your username, password, and other access and identifying information when accessing your account through a computer or other electronic, audio, or mobile device or technology. If you give anyone authority to access the account on your behalf, you should exercise caution and ensure the trustworthiness of that agent. Do not discuss, compare, or share information about your account numbers with anyone unless you are willing to give them full use of your money. Checks and electronic withdrawals are processed by automated methods, and anyone who obtains your account number or access device could use it to withdraw money from your account, with or without your permission.

**Positive pay and other fraud prevention services** - Except for consumer electronic fund transfers subject to Regulation E, you agree that if we offer you services appropriate for your account to help identify and limit fraud or other unauthorized transactions against your account, and you reject those services, you will be responsible for any fraudulent or unauthorized transactions which could have been prevented by the services we offered. You will not be responsible for such transactions if we acted in bad faith or to the extent our negligence contributed to the loss. Such services include positive pay or commercially reasonable security procedures. The positive pay service can help detect and prevent check fraud and is appropriate for account holders that issue a high volume of checks, a lot of checks to the general public, or checks for large dollar amounts.

**Account numbers** - Thieves can encode your account number on a check which looks and functions like an authorized check and can be used to withdraw money from your account. Your account number can also be used to issue a "remotely created check." Like a typical check, a remotely created check (sometimes called a telecheck, preauthorized draft or demand draft) is a draft or check that can be used to withdraw money from your account. Unlike a typical check or draft, however, a remotely created check is not issued by the paying bank and does not contain the signature of the account owner (or a signature purported to be the signature of the account owner). If you have truly authorized the remotely created check (to purchase a service or merchandise, for example), it is properly payable. But it can be risky to authorize a remotely created check. A swindler could issue a remotely created check in an amount greater than you authorized, or issue additional remotely created checks that you have not authorized. We will not know if the withdrawal is unauthorized or in an amount greater than the amount you have authorized. Payment can be made from your account even though you did not contact us directly and order the payment.

**Access devices** - If you furnish your access device and grant actual authority to make transfers to someone who then exceeds that authority, you will be liable for the transfers unless we have been notified that transfers by that person are no longer authorized. Please review the additional information you have received or will receive regarding transfers by access device.

**Blank checks** - You must also take precaution in safeguarding your blank checks. Notify us at once if you think your blank checks have been lost or stolen. If you are negligent in safeguarding your checks we will not be responsible for any losses you incur due to an alteration or forgery if we have paid the check in good faith and in accordance with reasonable commercial standards.

**Your information** - We agree not to disclose account information to third parties except when; (1) it is necessary to complete a transaction; (2) the third party seeks to verify the existence or condition of your account in accordance with applicable law; (3) such disclosure complies with the law or a government agency or court order; (4) you give us written permission; or (5) as otherwise described in the Privacy Notice.

**Suspicious activity** - When we cannot verify your identity or we suspect fraud, or become aware of other activity we determine suspicious, we may freeze your account or otherwise respond to the threat as reasonable, including but not limited to closing the account. In such a case it is reasonable for us to give you notice of our actions to protect your account after such actions are taken.

**INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOU** - Unless required by law or we have agreed otherwise in writing, we are not required to act upon instructions you give us via facsimile transmission, email, voicemail, or phone call to a facsimile number, email address, or phone number not designated by us for a particular purpose or for a purpose that is unrelated to the request or instruction.

**MONITORING AND RECORDING TELEPHONE CALLS AND ACCOUNT COMMUNICATIONS** - Subject to federal and state law, we may monitor or record phone calls for security reasons, to maintain a record, and to ensure that you receive courteous and efficient service. You consent in advance to any such recording.



To provide you with the best possible service in our ongoing business relationship for your account, we may need to contact you about your account from time to time by telephone, text messaging, or email. In contacting you about your account, we may use any telephone numbers or email addresses that you have previously provided to us by virtue of an existing business relationship or that you may subsequently provide to us.

You acknowledge that the number we use to contact you may be assigned to a landline, a paging service, a cellular wireless service, a specialized mobile radio service, other radio common carrier service, or any other service for which you may be charged for the call. You acknowledge that we may contact you by voice, voicemail, or text messaging. You further acknowledge that we may use pre-recorded voice messages, artificial voice messages, or automatic telephone dialing systems.

If necessary, you may change or remove any of the telephone numbers, email addresses, or other methods of contacting you at any time using any reasonable means to notify us.

**CLAIM OF LOSS** - The following rules do not apply to a transaction or claim related to a consumer electronic fund transfer governed by Regulation E (e.g., an everyday/one-time consumer debit card or ATM transaction). The error resolution procedures for consumer electronic fund transfers can be found in our initial Regulation E disclosure generally titled, "Electronic Fund Transfers." For other transactions or claims, if you claim a credit or refund because of a forgery, alteration, or any other unauthorized withdrawal, you agree to cooperate with us in the investigation of the loss, including giving us an affidavit containing whatever reasonable information we require concerning your account, the transaction, and the circumstances surrounding the loss. You will notify law enforcement authorities of any criminal act related to the claim of lost, missing, or stolen checks or unauthorized withdrawals. We will have a reasonable period of time to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding any claim of loss. Unless we have acted in bad faith, we will not be liable for special or consequential damages, including loss of profits or opportunity, or for attorneys' fees incurred by you.

You agree that you will not waive any rights you have to recover your loss against anyone who is obligated to repay, insure, or otherwise reimburse you for your loss. You will pursue your rights or, at our option, assign them to us so that we may pursue them. Our liability will be reduced by the amount you recover or are entitled to recover from these other sources.

**EARLY WITHDRAWAL PENALTIES (and involuntary withdrawals)** - We may impose early withdrawal penalties on a withdrawal from a time or term share account even if you don't initiate the withdrawal. For instance, the early withdrawal penalty may be imposed if the withdrawal is caused by the enforcement of our right to repayment of indebtedness against funds in the account or as a result of an attachment or other legal process. We may close your account and impose the early withdrawal penalty in the event of a partial early withdrawal. See your account's Truth-in-Savings disclosure for additional information.

**CHANGES IN NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION** - We will attempt to communicate with you only by use of the most recent address you have provided to us per your Member Account Agreement or subsequent change of address documents. You are responsible for notifying us of any change in your address or your name. Unless we agree otherwise, change of address or name must be made in writing by at least one of the account holders. Informing us of your address or name change on a check reorder form is not sufficient.

**RESOLVING ACCOUNT DISPUTES** - We may place an administrative hold on the funds in your account (refuse payment or withdrawal of the funds) if it becomes subject to a claim adverse to (1) your own interest; (2) others claiming an interest as survivors or beneficiaries of your account; or (3) a claim arising by operation of law. The hold may be placed for such period of time as we believe reasonably necessary to allow a legal proceeding to determine the merits of the claim or until we receive evidence satisfactory to us that the dispute has been resolved. We will not be liable for any items that are dishonored as a consequence of placing a hold on funds in your account for these reasons. We will notify you of any such administrative hold as required by law.

**WAIVER OF NOTICES** - To the extent permitted by law, you waive any notice of non-payment, dishonor or protest regarding any items credited to or charged against your account. For example, if you deposit an item and it is returned unpaid or we receive a notice of nonpayment, we do not have to notify you unless required by federal Regulation CC or other law.

**TRUNCATION, SUBSTITUTE CHECKS, AND OTHER CHECK IMAGES** - If you truncate an original check and create a substitute check, or other paper or electronic image of the original check, you warrant that no one will be asked to make payment on the original check, a substitute check or any other electronic or paper image, if the payment obligation relating to the original check has already been paid. You also warrant that any substitute check you create conforms to the legal requirements and generally accepted specifications for substitute checks. You agree to retain the original check in conformance with our policy for retaining original checks. You agree to indemnify us for any loss we may incur as a result of any truncated check transaction you initiate. We can refuse to accept substitute checks that have not previously been warranted by a bank or other financial institution in conformance with the Check 21 Act. Unless specifically stated in a separate agreement between you and us, we do not have to accept any other electronic or paper image of an original check.

**REMOTELY CREATED CHECKS** - Like any standard check or draft, a remotely created check (sometimes called a telecheck, preauthorized draft or demand draft) is a check or draft that can be used to withdraw money from an account. Unlike a typical check or draft, however, a remotely created check is not issued by the paying bank and does not contain the signature of the account owner (or a signature purported to be the signature of the account owner). In place of a signature, the check usually has a statement that the owner authorized the check or has the owner's name typed or printed on the signature line.

You warrant and agree to the following for every remotely created check we receive from you for deposit or collection: (1) you have received express and verifiable authorization to create the check in the amount and to the payee that appears on the check; (2) you will maintain proof of the authorization for at least 2 years from the date of the authorization, and supply us the proof if we ask; and (3) if a check is returned you owe us the amount of the check, regardless of when the check is returned. We may take funds from your account to pay the amount you owe us, and if there are insufficient funds in your account, you still owe us the remaining balance.

**UNLAWFUL INTERNET GAMBLING AND OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES NOTICE** - Restricted transactions as defined in Federal Reserve Regulation GG are prohibited from being processed through this account or relationship. Restricted transactions generally include, but are not limited to, those in which credit, electronic fund transfers, checks, or drafts are knowingly accepted by gambling businesses in connection with the participation by others in unlawful Internet gambling. You agree that you are not engaged in unlawful or illegal activity that is in any way connected to your account(s). You agree that you will not use your account(s) for any other service provided to you by us for unlawful activities.

**FUNDS TRANSFERS** - You agree that this section is governed by Article 4A of the Uniform Commercial Code - Funds Transfers (UCC 4A) and the terms used in this section have the meaning given to them in UCC 4A. You also agree to be bound by all funds-transfer system rules, rules of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) and their operating circulars, as appropriate. Unless otherwise required by applicable law, such as Regulation J or the operating circulars of the Board, this section is subject to UCC 4A as adopted in the state in which you have your account with us. If any part of this section is determined to be unenforceable, the rest shall remain effective. This section controls funds transfers unless supplemented or amended in a separate record. Generally, this section will not apply to you if you are a consumer. For example, this section generally does not apply to a funds transfer if any part of the transfer is governed by the Electronic Fund Transfer Act of 1978 (EFTA). However, this section does apply to a funds transfer that is a remittance transfer as defined in EFTA unless the remittance transfer is an electronic fund transfer as defined in EFTA. To the extent this section is not inconsistent with the EFTA, this section may also apply to a consumer electronic fund transfer sent through the FedNow system or through the Real Time Payments system (RTP) operated by The Clearing House. In addition, even if you are a consumer, this section will apply to that part of any funds transfer that is conducted by Fedwire.

**Funds transfer** - A funds transfer is the transaction or series of transactions that begin with the originator's payment order, made for the purpose of making payment to the beneficiary of the order. A funds transfer is completed by the acceptance by the beneficiary's bank of a payment order for the benefit of the beneficiary of the originator's order. Unless otherwise required by the type of funds transfer you are initiating, you may transmit a payment order orally or in a record, but your order cannot state any condition to payment to the beneficiary other than the time of payment. Credit entries may be made by ACH.

**Authorized account** - An authorized account is a deposit or share account you have with us that you have designated as a source of payment of payment orders you issue to us. If you have not designated an authorized account, any account you have with us is an authorized account to the extent that payment of the payment order is not inconsistent with the use of the account.

**Acceptance of your payment order** - We are not obligated to accept any payment order that you give us, although we normally will accept your payment order if you have a withdrawable credit in an authorized account sufficient to cover the order. If we do not execute your payment order, but give you notice of our rejection of your payment order after the execution date or give you no notice, we are not liable to pay you as restitution any dividends on a withdrawable credit in a non-dividend-bearing account.

**Cutoff time** - If we do not receive your payment order or communication canceling or amending a payment order before our cutoff time on a funds transfer day for that type of order or communication, the order or communication will be deemed to be received at the opening of our next funds transfer business day.

**Payment of your order** - If we accept a payment order you give us, we may receive payment by automatically deducting from any authorized account the amount of the payment order plus the amount of any expenses and charges for our services in execution of your payment order. We are entitled to payment on the payment or execution date. Unless your payment order specifies otherwise, the payment or execution date is the funds transfer date we receive the payment order. The funds transfer is completed upon acceptance by the beneficiary's bank. Your obligation to pay your payment order is excused if the funds transfer is not completed, but you are still responsible to pay us any expenses and charges for our services. However, if you told us to route the funds transfer through an intermediate bank, and we are unable to obtain a refund because the intermediate bank that you designated has suspended payments, then you are still obligated to pay us for the payment order. You will not be entitled to dividends on any refund you receive because the beneficiary's bank does not accept the payment order.

**Security procedure** - As described more fully in a separate writing, the authenticity of a payment order or communication canceling or amending a payment order issued in your name as sender may be verified by a security procedure. You affirm that you have no circumstances which are relevant to the determination of a commercially reasonable security procedure unless those circumstances are expressly contained in a separate writing signed by us. You may choose from one or more security procedures that we have developed, or you may develop your own security procedure if it is acceptable to us. If you refuse a commercially reasonable security procedure that we have offered you, you agree that you will be bound by any payment order issued in your name, whether or not authorized, that we accept in good faith and in compliance with the security procedure you have chosen.

**Identifying number** - If your payment order identifies an intermediate bank, beneficiary bank, or beneficiary by name and number, we and every receiving or beneficiary bank may rely upon the identifying number rather than the name to make payment, even if the number identifies an intermediate bank or person different than the bank or beneficiary identified by name. Neither we nor any receiving or beneficiary bank have any responsibility to determine whether the name and identifying number refer to the same financial institution or person.

**Record of oral or telephone orders** - You agree that we may, if we choose, record any oral or telephone payment order or communication of amendment or cancellation.

**Notice of credit** - If we receive a payment order to credit an account you have with us, we are not required to provide you with any notice of the payment order or the credit.

**Provisional credit** - You agree to be bound by the automated clearing house association operating rules that provide that payments made to you or originated by you by funds transfer through the automated clearing house system are provisional until final settlement is made through a Federal Reserve Bank or otherwise payment is made as provided in Article 4A-403(a) of the Uniform Commercial Code.

**Refund of credit** - You agree that if we do not receive payment of an amount credited to your account, we are entitled to a refund from you in the amount credited and the party originating such payment will not be considered to have paid the amount so credited.

**Cancellation or amendment of payment order** - You may cancel or amend a payment order you give us only if we receive the communication of cancellation or amendment before our cutoff time and in time to have a reasonable opportunity to act on it before we accept the payment order. The communication of cancellation or amendment must be presented in conformity with the same security procedure that has been agreed to for payment orders.

**Intermediaries** - We are not liable for the actions of any intermediary, regardless of whether or not we selected the intermediary. We are not responsible for acts of God, outside agencies, or nonsalaried agents.

**Limit on liability** - You waive any claim you may have against us for consequential or special damages, including loss of profit arising out of a payment order or funds transfer, unless this waiver is prohibited by law. We are not responsible for attorney fees you might incur due to erroneous execution of payment order.

**Erroneous execution** - If we receive an order to pay you, and we erroneously pay you more than the amount of the payment order, we are entitled to recover from you the amount in excess of the amount of the payment order, regardless of whether you may have some claim to the excess amount against the originator of the order.

**Duty to report unauthorized or erroneous payment** - You must exercise ordinary care to determine that all payment orders or amendments to payment orders that we accept that are issued in your name are authorized, enforceable, in the correct amount, to the correct beneficiary, and not otherwise erroneous. If you discover (or with reasonable care should have discovered) an unauthorized, unenforceable, or erroneously executed payment order or amendment, you must exercise ordinary care to notify us of the relevant facts. The time you have to notify us will depend on the circumstances, but that time will not in any circumstance exceed 14 days from when you are notified of our acceptance or execution of the payment order or amendment or that your account was debited with respect to the order or amendment. If you do not provide us with timely notice you will not be entitled to dividends on any refundable amount. If we can prove that you failed to perform either of these duties with respect to an erroneous payment and that we incurred a loss as a result of the failure, you are liable to us for the amount of the loss not exceeding the amount of your order.

**Objection to payment** - If we give you a notice that reasonably identifies a payment order issued in your name as sender that we have accepted and received payment for, you cannot claim that we are not entitled to retain the payment unless you notify us of your objection to the payment within one year of our notice to you.

**PLEDGES** - Each owner of this account may pledge all or any part of the funds in it for any purpose to which we agree. Any pledge of this account must first be satisfied before the rights of any surviving account owner or account beneficiary become effective. For example, if an account has two owners and one of the owners pledges the account (i.e., uses it to secure a debt) and then dies, (1) the surviving owner's rights in this account do not take effect until the debt has been satisfied, and (2) the debt may be satisfied with the funds in this account.

**STALE-DATED CHECKS** - We are not obligated to, but may at our option, pay a check, other than a certified check, presented for payment more than six months after its date. If you do not want us to pay a stale-dated check, you must place a stop-payment order on the check in the manner we have described elsewhere.

**INACTIVE ACCOUNTS** - Your account will be considered inactive, and may be subject to applicable fees, if all of the following occur for 12 consecutive months: (1) deposits are not made to your account; (2) withdrawals are not made from your account; and (3) the credit union does not receive any correspondence from you which indicates that you know that your account with the credit union is still in existence. Dividend crediting is not considered a deposit for this purpose. In accordance with the N.Y. State Abandoned Property Law, dormant funds will be turned over to the State of New York. You may submit a claim for return of the funds to: New York State Office of the State Comptroller, Office of Unclaimed Funds, 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12236.

**CASH TRANSACTION REPORTING** - To help law enforcement agencies detect illegal activities, the law requires all financial institutions to gather and report information on some types of cash transactions. If the information we need to complete the report is not provided, we are required to refuse to handle the transaction. If you have any questions regarding these rules, the U.S. Treasury Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) maintains a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document online. The FAQ also includes additional information for contacting FinCEN.

**BACKUP WITHHOLDING/TIN CERTIFICATION** - Federal tax law requires us to report interest payments we make to you of \$10 or more in a year, and to include your taxpayer identification number (TIN) on the report (the taxpayer identification number is your social security number if you are an individual). Interest includes dividends, interest and bonus payments for purposes of this rule. Therefore, we require you to provide us with your TIN and to certify that it is correct. In some circumstances, federal law requires us to withhold and pay to the IRS a percentage of the dividends that are earned on funds in your accounts. This is known as backup withholding. We will not have to withhold dividend payments when you open your account if you certify your TIN and certify that you are not subject to backup withholding due to underreporting of interest. (There are special rules if you do not have a TIN but have applied for one, if you are a foreign person, or if you are exempt from the reporting requirements.) We may subsequently be required to begin backup withholding if the IRS informs us that you supplied an incorrect TIN or that you underreported your dividend income.

**LOST, DESTROYED, OR STOLEN CERTIFIED, CASHIER'S OR TELLER'S CHECKS** - Under some circumstances you may be able to assert a claim for the amount of a lost, destroyed, or stolen certified, cashier's or teller's check. To assert the claim: (a) you must be the remitter (or drawer of a certified check) or payee of the check, (b) we must receive notice from you describing the check with reasonable certainty and asking for payment of the amount of the check, (c) we must receive the notice in time for us to have a reasonable opportunity to act on it, and (d) you must give us a declaration (in a form we require) of your loss with respect to the check. You can ask us for a declaration form. Even if all of these conditions are met, your claim may not be immediately enforceable. We may pay the check until the ninetieth day after the date of the check (or date of acceptance of a certified check). Therefore, your claim is not enforceable until the ninetieth day after the date of the check or date of acceptance, and the conditions listed above have been met. If we have not already paid the check, on the day your claim is enforceable we become obligated to pay you the amount of the check. We will pay you in cash or issue another cashier's check.

At our option, we may pay you the amount of the check before your claim becomes enforceable. However, we will require you to agree to indemnify us for any losses we might suffer. This means that if the check is presented after we pay your claim, and we pay the check, you are responsible to cover our losses. We may require you to provide a surety bond to assure that you can pay us if we suffer a loss.

**CHANGING ACCOUNT PRODUCTS** - We may change your account to another product offered by us at any time by giving you notice that your account will be changed to another product on a specified date. If your account is a time account, the change will not occur before the next maturity date of your account. If you do not close your account before the date specified in the notice, we may change your account to that other product on the date specified in the notice. We shall not change your account to another product in any way that impairs your membership. We reserve the right to change which account is designated as your par account if you have more than one account.

**TRANSACTIONS BY MAIL** - You may deposit checks or drafts by mail. You should indorse the item being sent through the mail with the words "For Deposit Only" and should include your correct account number underneath to ensure the item is credited to the correct account. If you do not use your deposit slip or provide us with instructions indicating how or where the item should be credited, we may apply it to any account or any loan balance you have with us or we may return the item to you. Receipts for such transactions will be mailed to you only if a



self-addressed stamped envelope is provided. Following your deposit, examine your statement carefully or call us to ensure that we received the item. Do not send cash through the mail for deposit.

**CHECK STORAGE AND COPIES** - You agree that you will not receive your canceled checks. We will store your canceled checks or copies of them for a reasonable retention period. You may request copies from us in the manner we require and we may charge a fee for their reproduction.

**MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY** - To join the Credit Union, you must meet the membership requirements including, as applicable, purchasing and maintaining a minimum share balance (hereinafter membership share) and/or paying a membership fee, as set forth in the Credit Union's Bylaws or established from time to time by the Credit Union's Board of Directors. You authorize us to check your account, credit and employment history, and obtain reports from third parties, including credit reporting agencies, to verify your eligibility for the accounts and services you request and for other accounts, products, or services we may offer you or for which you may qualify.

A joint account owner on any account offered by this credit union cannot vote, borrow money, or hold office, unless the joint account owner is within the field of membership of this credit union and is also a qualified member.

**FUNDS TRANSFERS** - Unless otherwise required by applicable law, such as Regulation J or the operating circulars of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, this agreement is subject to Article 4A of the Uniform Commercial Code - Fund Transfers as adopted in the state in which you have your account with us. If you originate a fund transfer and you identify by name and number a beneficiary financial institution, an intermediary financial institution or a beneficiary, we and every receiving or beneficiary financial institution may rely on the identifying number to make payment. We may rely on the number even if it identifies a financial institution, person or account other than the one named. You agree to be bound by automated clearing house association and other funds-transfer system rules, as applicable. These rules provide, among other things, that payments made to you, or originated by you, are provisional until final settlement is made through a Federal Reserve Bank or payment is otherwise made as provided in Article 4A-403(a) of the Uniform Commercial Code. If we do not receive such payment, we are entitled to a refund from you in the amount credited to your account and the party originating such payment will not be considered to have paid the amount so credited. Credit entries may be made by ACH or other funds-transfer systems. If we receive a payment order to credit an account you have with us by wire or ACH, we are not required to give you any notice of the payment order or credit.

**INTERNATIONAL ACH TRANSACTIONS** - Financial institutions are required by law to scrutinize or verify any international ACH transaction (IAT) that they receive against the Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) list of the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). This action may, from time to time, cause us to temporarily suspend processing of an IAT and potentially affect the settlement and/or availability of such payments.

**NCUA INSURANCE** - Funds in your account(s) with us may be insured by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America. The amount of insurance coverage you have depends on the number of accounts you have with us that are of different "ownership." An individual account is one unique form of "ownership"; a joint account, a pay-on-death account, and a self-directed qualified retirement account (e.g., an IRA) are examples of some of the others. Share insurance for a person's self-directed qualified retirement account is up to \$250,000. (An IRA is a self-directed qualified retirement account as is any account where the owner decides where and how to invest the balance.) Funds are insured to \$250,000 per depositor for the total of funds combined in all of your other insured accounts with us. If you want a more detailed explanation or additional information, you may ask us or contact the NCUA.

**ENFORCEMENT** - You shall be in default of this agreement if you fail to follow any of its terms. You are liable to us for any losses, costs or expenses we incur resulting from your default. You authorize us to deduct any such losses, costs or expenses from your account without prior notice to you. If we bring a legal action to collect any amount due under or to enforce this agreement, we shall be entitled, subject to applicable law, to payment of reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

**CREDIT UNION LIABILITY** - We will not be liable for anything we do in following your instructions. In addition, we will not be liable for not following your instructions if we reasonably believe that your instructions would expose us to potential loss or civil or criminal liability, or conflict with customary banking practices or this agreement. If we do not properly complete a transaction according to this agreement, we will be liable for your losses or damages not to exceed the amount of the transaction, except as otherwise provided by law. However we shall not be liable if: (1) your account contains insufficient funds for the transaction; (2) circumstances beyond our control prevent the transaction; (3) your loss is caused by your or another financial institution's negligence; (4) your account funds are subject to legal action or other claim; or (5) you fail to adhere to your obligations under this agreement. We exercise ordinary care if our actions or nonactions are consistent with applicable state law. Federal Reserve regulations and operating letters, clearinghouse rules, this agreement and general financial institution practices followed in the area we serve. You grant us the right, in making payment of deposited funds, to rely exclusively on the form of the account and the terms of this agreement.

**LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY** - WE WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INDIRECT, SPECIAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES REGARDLESS OF THE FORM OF ACTION AND EVEN IF WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. IF WE FAIL TO STOP PAYMENT ON AN ITEM, OR PAY AN ITEM BEARING AN UNAUTHORIZED SIGNATURE, FORGED SIGNATURE, OR FORCED ENDORSEMENT OR ALTERATION, OUR LIABILITY, IF ANY, WILL BE LIMITED TO THE FACE AMOUNT OF THE ITEM. EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH LIABILITY AS CANNOT BE EXCLUDED BY LAW, THE FOREGOING LIMITATIONS AND DISCLAIMERS APPLY TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION IN THE AGGREGATE INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION BREACH OF CONTRACT, BREACH OF WARRANTY, NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY, MISREPRESENTATION AND OTHER TORTS.

#### **OTHER TERMS -**

**Waiver of Jury Trial** - All parties to this agreement hereby waive the right to any jury trial in any action, proceeding, or counterclaim brought by any party against any other party regarding the terms of this agreement.

**Third Party Beneficiaries** - The provisions of this agreement are for the sole benefit of the parties. The agreement is not intended to and shall not be construed to give any third party any interest, rights or benefits with respect to or in connection with the provisions contained herein.

**Entire Agreement** - This agreement, along with any other documents we give you pertaining to your account(s), constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter thereof and supersedes all other prior agreements and opinions expressed by us or our employees on the subject matter of this agreement.



## YOUR ABILITY TO WITHDRAW FUNDS

This policy statement applies to all accounts.

Our policy is to make funds from your check deposits available to you on the second business day after the day we receive your deposit, with the first \$500 available on the day of your deposit. Electronic direct deposits will be available on the day we receive the deposit. Cash, wire transfers, and some specified check deposits will also be available before the second business day, as detailed below. Once the funds are available, you can withdraw them in cash and we will use the funds to pay checks that you have written.

Please remember that even after we have made funds available to you, and you have withdrawn the funds, you are still responsible for checks you deposit that are returned to us unpaid and for any other problems involving your deposit.

For determining the availability of your deposits, every day is a business day, except Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays. If you make a deposit before 3:30 P.M. (cutoff times are different at different locations) on a business day that we are open, we will consider that day to be the day of your deposit. However, if you make a deposit after 3:30 P.M. or on a day we are not open, we will consider that the deposit was made on the next business day we are open.

If you make a deposit at an ATM before 3:30 P.M. EST on a business day that we are open, we will consider that day to be the day of your deposit. However, if you make a deposit at an ATM after 3:30 P.M. EST or on a day we are not open, we will consider that the deposit was made on the next business day we are open.

### Same-Day Availability

Funds from the following deposits are available the same business day we receive your deposit:

- Electronic direct deposits
- U.S. Treasury checks or drafts that are payable to you
- Wire transfers
- Checks or drafts drawn on Empower Federal Credit Union.

### Same-Day Availability for Certain Deposits Made in Person

Funds from the following deposits are available the same business day we receive your deposit if you make the deposit in person to one of our employees:

- Cash
- State and local government checks or drafts that are payable to you
- Cashier's, certified, and teller's checks or drafts that are payable to you
- Federal Reserve Bank checks or drafts. Federal Home Loan Bank checks or drafts, and postal money orders, if these items are payable to you.

If you do not make your deposit in person to one of our employees (for example, if you mail the deposit), funds from these deposits will be available on the second business day after the day we receive your deposit.

### Other Check Deposits Subject to Second-Day Availability

The first \$500 from a deposit of other checks will be available on the day of your deposit. The remaining funds will be available on the second business day after the day of your deposit.

For example, if you deposit a check of \$700 on a Monday, \$500 of the deposit is available on Monday. The remaining \$200 is available on Wednesday.

If we cash a check for you that is drawn on another bank, we may withhold the availability of a corresponding amount of funds that are already available in your account. Those funds will be available at the time funds from the check we cashed would have been available if you had deposited it.

### LONGER DELAYS MAY APPLY

Funds you deposit by check may be delayed for a longer period under the following circumstances:

We believe a check you deposit will not be paid.

You deposit checks totaling more than \$6,725 on any one day.

You redeposit a check that has been returned unpaid.

You have overdrawn your account repeatedly in the last six months.

There is an emergency, such as failure of computer or communications equipment.

We will notify you if we delay your ability to withdraw funds for any of these reasons, and we will tell you when the funds will be available. They will generally be available no later than the seventh business day after the day of your deposit. You should ask if you need to be sure about when a particular deposit will be available for withdrawal.

### SPECIAL RULES FOR NEW ACCOUNTS

For accounts open 30 days or less, all funds from deposits of checks will be available by the second business day after the day of your deposit.

### FOREIGN CHECKS OR DRAFTS

Checks or drafts drawn on financial institutions located outside the U.S.A. (foreign checks or drafts) cannot be processed in the same manner as checks or drafts drawn on U.S.A. financial institutions. Foreign checks or drafts are exempt from the policies outlined in this disclosure. Generally, the availability of funds for deposits of foreign checks or drafts will be delayed for the time it takes us to collect the funds from the financial institution upon which it is drawn.

## ADDENDUM TO BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP & ACCOUNT AGREEMENT

The following **Arbitration and Class Action Waiver and Limitation of Time to Commence Action** provisions are added to, made part of, and incorporated into your Empower Federal Credit Union Business Membership & Account Agreement.

**ARBITRATION AND CLASS ACTION WAIVER.** You and we agree that both of us shall attempt to informally settle any and all disputes arising out of, affecting, or relating in any way to your accounts, or the products or services that we have provided, will provide or have offered to provide to you, and/or any aspect of your relationship with us, including loans made to you unless otherwise exempt from arbitration (hereafter referred to as the "Claims"). If that cannot be done, then you agree that any and all Claims that are threatened, made, filed or initiated after the Effective Date (defined below) of this Arbitration and Class Action Waiver provision ("Arbitration Agreement"), even if the Claims arise out of, affect or relate to conduct that occurred prior to the Effective Date, shall, at the election of either you or us, be resolved by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") in accordance with its applicable rules and procedures for business disputes ("Rules"), whether such Claims are in contract, tort, statute, or otherwise. The Rules can be obtained on the AAA website at [www.adr.org](http://www.adr.org); or, a copy of the Rules can be obtained at any Empower branch upon request. Either you or we may elect to resolve a particular Claim through arbitration, even if one of us has already initiated litigation in court related to the Claim, by: (a) making written demand for arbitration upon the other party, (b) initiating arbitration against the other party, or (c) filing a motion to compel arbitration in court. **AS A RESULT, IF EITHER YOU OR WE ELECT TO RESOLVE A PARTICULAR CLAIM THROUGH ARBITRATION, YOU WILL GIVE UP YOUR RIGHT TO GO TO COURT TO ASSERT OR DEFEND YOUR RIGHTS (EXCEPT FOR CLAIMS BROUGHT INDIVIDUALLY WITHIN SMALL CLAIMS COURT JURISDICTION, SO LONG AS THE CLAIM REMAINS IN SMALL CLAIMS COURT) AND YOU WILL GIVE UP YOUR RIGHT TO HAVE YOUR CLAIM DECIDED BY A JURY.** This Arbitration Agreement shall be interpreted and enforced in accordance with the Federal Arbitration Act set forth in Title 9 of the U.S. Code to the fullest extent possible, notwithstanding any state law to the contrary, regardless of the origin or nature of the Claims at issue. This Arbitration Agreement does not prevent you from submitting any issue relating to your accounts for review or consideration by a federal, state, or local governmental agency or entity, nor does it prevent such agency or entity from seeking relief on your behalf.

This Arbitration Agreement shall not apply to: (1) actions that are initiated in or transferred to small claims court or a comparable court of limited monetary jurisdiction, so long as they are prosecuted individually; (2) claims involving secured real estate loans; and (3) any other claims where arbitration is now or may be prohibited by law.

- **Selection of Arbitrator.** The Claims shall be resolved by a single arbitrator. The arbitrator shall be selected in accordance with the Rules. In the event of a conflict between the Rules and this Arbitration Agreement, this Arbitration Agreement shall supersede the conflicting Rules only to the extent of the inconsistency. If AAA is unavailable to resolve the Claims, and if you and we do not agree on a substitute forum, then you can select the arbitration forum for the resolution of the Claims.
- **Effective Date.** This Arbitration Agreement is effective upon the date that we provide it to you ("Effective Date").
- **Arbitration Proceedings.** The arbitration shall be conducted within 50 miles of your residence at the time the arbitration is commenced. Any claims and defenses that can be asserted in court can be asserted in the arbitration. The Arbitrator shall be entitled to award the same remedies that a court can award, including injunctive relief. The Arbitrator shall follow the law and shall not be entitled to make errors of law. Discovery shall be available for non-privileged information to the fullest extent permitted under the Rules. The Arbitrator's award can be entered as a judgment in court. Except as provided in applicable statutes, the arbitrator's award is not subject to review and it cannot be appealed; provided, however, that either party may appeal to any Court with jurisdiction to the extent the arbitrator makes an error of law. We shall pay for any filing, administration, and arbitrator fees imposed on you by the AAA (or the applicable arbitration forum). However, you will be responsible for your own attorneys' fees. The Arbitrator shall be entitled to award the prevailing party attorneys' fees and costs if provided for under applicable law. Nothing contained in this Arbitration Agreement shall prevent either you or us from applying to any court of competent jurisdiction for emergency provisional relief, such as a temporary restraining order, a temporary protective order, an attachment or any other pre-judgment remedies.

Any determination as to whether this Arbitration Agreement is valid or enforceable in part or in its entirety shall be made solely by the arbitrator, including without limitation any issues relating to whether a Claim is subject to arbitration; provided, however, the enforceability of the Class Action Waiver set forth below shall be determined by the Court.

- **Class Action Waiver.** ANY ARBITRATION OF A CLAIM SHALL BE ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS. YOU UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT YOU ARE WAIVING THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE AS A CLASS REPRESENTATIVE OR CLASS MEMBER IN A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT.
- **Severability.** In the event the Class Action Waiver in this Arbitration Agreement is found to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Arbitration Agreement shall also be unenforceable. If any provision in this Arbitration Agreement, other than the Class Action Waiver, is found to be unenforceable, then the remaining provisions shall remain fully enforceable.

**LIMITATION OF TIME TO COMMENCE ACTION.** Any action or proceeding by you to enforce an obligation, duty or right arising under Business Membership & Account Agreement or by law with respect to your account(s) or any product or service provided to you must be commenced within one year after the cause of action accrues.