

# Understanding Your Deposit Account

Privacy

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# FACTS

## WHAT DOES FREEDOM CREDIT UNION DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?

### Why?

Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.

### What?

The types of personal information we collect and share depend on the product or service you have with us. This information can include:

- Social Security number and Overdraft History
- Account balances and Transaction or Loss history
- Account transactions and Checking account information

When you are *no longer* our customer, we continue to share your information as described in this notice.

### How?

All financial companies need to share **members'** personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their **members'** personal information; the reasons Freedom Credit Union chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.

Reasons we can share your personal information	Does Freedom Credit Union share?	Can you limit this sharing?
<b>For our everyday business purposes-</b> such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to credit bureaus	YES	NO
<b>For our marketing purposes-</b> to offer our products and services to you	YES	NO
<b>For joint marketing with other financial companies</b>	YES	NO
<b>For our affiliates' everyday business purposes-</b> information about your transactions and experiences	NO	WE DON'T SHARE
<b>For our affiliates' everyday business purposes-</b> information about your creditworthiness	NO	WE DON'T SHARE
<b>For our affiliates to market to you</b>	NO	WE DON'T SHARE
<b>For nonaffiliates to market to you</b>	NO	WE DON'T SHARE

### Questions?

Call 800-821-0160 or go to [www.freedom.coop](http://www.freedom.coop)

## Who we are

Who is providing this notice?

Freedom Credit Union

## What we do

How does Freedom Credit Union protect my personal information?

To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings.

How does Freedom Credit Union collect my personal information?

We collect your personal information, for example, when you

- Open an account or Provide your mortgage information
- Apply for a loan or Share your driver's license
- Provide account information

We also collect your personal information from others, such as credit bureaus, affiliates or other companies.

Why can't I limit all sharing?

Federal law gives you the right to limit only

- sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes-information about your creditworthiness
- affiliates from using your information to market to you
- sharing for nonaffiliates to market to you

State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing. See below for more on your rights under state laws.

## Definitions

**Affiliates**

Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.

- *Freedom Credit Union does not share with our affiliates.*

**Nonaffiliates**

Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.

- *Freedom Credit Union does not share with non-affiliates so they can market to you.*

**Joint marketing**

A formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you.

- *Our joint marketing partners include credit card companies, broker - dealer investment and insurance services.*

## Other important information

For Massachusetts Members- We will not share personal information from deposit or share relationships with non-affiliates either for them to market to you or for joint marketing - without your authorization. State law: If you give us written permission to share information about your electronic fund transfers, such permission will expire after 45 days.

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF YOUR ACCOUNT

**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, and other information that will allow us to identify you. We may also ask to see your driver's license or other identifying documents.

**AGREEMENT** - This document, 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) with us. Please read this carefully and retain it for future reference. If you 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. You will receive a separate schedule of rates, qualifying balances, and fees if they are not included in this agreement. If you have any questions, please ask us.

This agreement is subject to applicable federal laws, the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts 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) summarize some laws that apply to common transactions;
- (2) establish rules to cover transactions or events which the law does not regulate;
- (3) establish rules for certain transactions or events which the law regulates but permits variation by agreement; and
- (4) 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. We may permit some variations from our standard agreement, but we must agree to any variation in writing either on the signature card for your account or in some other document.

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 the financial institution and the words "you" and "your" mean the 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 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 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). Dividends are based on current earnings and available earnings of the credit union, after providing for required reserves.

**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 charges. You authorize us to deduct these charges, 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** - 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. If you deliver a deposit to us and you will not be present when the deposit is counted, you must provide us an itemized list of the deposit (deposit slip). To process the deposit, we will verify and record the deposit, and credit the deposit to the account. If there are any discrepancies between the amounts shown on the itemized list of the deposit and the amount we determine to be the actual deposit, we will notify you of the discrepancy. You will be entitled to credit only for the actual deposit as determined by us, regardless of what is stated on the itemized deposit slip. 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. We may properly pay and charge your account for a postdated check even though payment was made before the date of the check, unless we have received written notice of the postdating in time to have a reasonable opportunity to act. Because we process checks mechanically, your notice will not be effective and we will not be liable for failing to honor your notice unless it precisely identifies the number, date, amount and payee of the item.

**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.

**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. We may use subsequent deposits, including direct deposits of social security or other government benefits, to cover such overdrafts and overdraft fees.

**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 insufficient funds fee according to our insufficient funds policy, which may result in one or more insufficient funds 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.

**CHAPTER 171 ACCOUNTS ("18-65 ACCOUNTS")** - Except as indicated below, we do not intend to subject your account to (i) a service, maintenance or similar charge, (ii) a minimum balance requirement, (iii) a charge for a deposit or withdrawal, or (iv) a fee for the initial order or subsequent refills of the basic line of checks offered by us if you qualify for the minor or senior citizen exemption under Chapter 171 of Massachusetts General Laws. You should notify us if you or your spouse qualify so that we may administer your account accordingly. Despite this exemption, we may assess a fee for certain services in accordance with our published service charge schedule, including stop payment orders, wire transfers, certified or bank checks, money orders, deposit items returned, transactions at electronic branches and through other electronic devices, and services not directly associated with the deposit, withdrawal or transfer of funds from any such account. We may also assess you a reasonable charge when payment on any check or other transaction on the account has been refused because of insufficient funds or has been paid despite insufficient funds (as permitted by law).

**OWNERSHIP OF ACCOUNT AND BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION** - These rules apply to this account depending on the form of ownership and beneficiary designation, if any, specified on the account records. We reserve the right to refuse some forms of ownership and beneficiary designations on any or all of our accounts unless otherwise prohibited by law. We make no representations as to the appropriateness or effect of the ownership and beneficiary designations, except as they determine to whom we pay the account funds.

**Individual Account** - is an account in the name of one person.

**Joint Account - With Survivorship (And Not As Tenants In Common)** - is an account in the name of two or more persons. Each of you intend that when you die the balance in the account (subject to any previous pledge to which we have agreed) will belong to the survivor(s). If two or more of you survive, you will own the balance in the account as joint tenants with survivorship and not as tenants in common.

**Revocable Trust Account** - One or two of you (called trustees) may create such an account in trust for another. Payments may be made to the trustee, or if there are two trustees, to either or both of the trustees or the survivor. Upon the death of the trustee or the death of both trustees, payment may be made to the person for whom the trust was made, or that person's legal representative.

**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.

We may accept an order to stop payment on any item from any one of you. You must make any stop-payment order in the manner required by law and we must receive it in time to give us a reasonable opportunity to act on it before our stop-payment cutoff time. Because the most effective way for us to execute a stop-payment order is by using an automated process, to be effective, your stop-payment order must precisely identify the number, date, and amount of the item, and the payee. You may stop payment on any item drawn on your account whether you sign the item or not. Generally, if your stop-payment order is given to us in writing it is effective for six months. Your order will lapse after that time if you do not renew the order in writing before the end of the six-month period. If the original stop-payment order was oral your stop-payment order will lapse after 14 calendar days if you do not confirm your order in writing within that time period. We are not obligated to notify you when a stop-payment order expires.

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. Limitations on the number of telephonic transfers from a savings account, if any, are described elsewhere.

**TRANSFER LIMITATIONS** - For savings and money market accounts you may make up to six transfers or withdrawals by means of a preauthorized, automatic, or telephonic transfer to another account of yours or to a third party or by check, debit card, or similar order to a third party during any calendar month (or statement cycle of at least four weeks). A preauthorized transfer includes any arrangement with us to pay a third party from your account at (i) a predetermined time; (ii) on a fixed schedule or (iii) upon oral or written orders including orders received through the automated clearing house (ACH). If the transfer or withdrawal is initiated in person, by mail, or at an ATM then there is no limit on the number of payments that may be made directly to you, directly to us for amounts you owe us, or transfers to other accounts you have with us. Withdrawals by phone are also unlimited if you are requesting that a check be mailed to you.

**AMENDMENTS AND TERMINATION** - We may amend or delete any term of our bylaws or this agreement. We may also add new terms to our bylaws or to this agreement. In addition, we may suspend, modify, convert, or terminate a service, convert this account to another account type, or close this account for any reason (including if your membership in the credit union terminates). For any of these types of changes, we will give you reasonable notice in writing by any reasonable method including by mail, by any electronic communication method to which you have agreed, on or with a periodic statement, or through any other method permitted by law. If we close the account, we will tender the account balance to you or your agent personally, by mail, or by another agreed upon method.

Reasonable notice depends on the circumstances, and in some cases, such as when we cannot verify your identity or we suspect fraud, it might be reasonable for us to give you notice after the change becomes effective. For instance, if we suspect fraudulent activity with respect to your account, and if we deem it appropriate under the circumstances and necessary to prevent further fraud, we might immediately freeze or close your account and then give you notice.

Unless otherwise indicated in the notice of change, if we have notified you of a change to your account, and you continue to have your account after the effective date of the change, you have accepted and agreed to the new or modified terms. You should review any change in terms notice carefully as the notice will provide important information of which you may need to be aware.

We reserve the right to waive any term of this agreement. However, such waiver shall not affect our right to enforce the term at a later date.

If you request that we close your account, you are responsible for leaving enough money in the account to cover any outstanding items or transactions to be paid from the account. Once any outstanding items or transactions are paid, we will close the account and tender the account balance, if any, to you or your agent personally, by mail, or by another agreed upon method. Only a joint tenant that is a member can close an account.

Any items and transactions presented for payment after the account is closed may be dishonored. Any deposits we receive after the account is closed may be returned. We will not be liable for any damages for not honoring any such debits or deposits received after the account is closed.

Note: Rules governing changes in interest rates are provided separately in the Truth-in-Savings disclosure or in another document. In addition, for changes governed by a specific law or regulation, we will follow the specific timing and format notice requirements of those laws or regulations.

**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 promptness." 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 either share the loss with us, or bear the loss entirely yourself (depending on whether we used ordinary care and, if not, whether we substantially contributed to the loss). The loss could be not only with respect to items on the statement but other items with unauthorized signatures or alterations by the same wrongdoer.

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 30 days from when the statement is first sent or made available to you.

You further agree that if you fail to report any unauthorized signatures 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, 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.

**Errors relating to electronic fund transfers or substitute checks** - For information on errors relating to electronic fund transfers (e.g., online, mobile, debit card or ATM transactions) refer to your Electronic Fund Transfers disclosure and the sections on consumer liability and error resolution. For information on errors relating to a substitute check you received, refer to your disclosure entitled Substitute Checks and Your Rights.

**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** - 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.

**TEMPORARY ACCOUNT AGREEMENT** - If the account documentation indicates that this is a temporary account agreement, each person who signs to open the account or has authority to make withdrawals (except as indicated to the contrary) may transact business on this account. However, we may at some time in the future restrict or prohibit further use of this account if you fail to comply with the requirements we have imposed within a reasonable time.

**RIGHT TO REPAYMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS** - You each agree that we may (without prior notice and when permitted by law) charge against and deduct from this account 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 a partnership owes us now or in the future, to the extent of your liability as a partner for the partnership debt. 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 rights under 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. 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 prior notice, your shares and dividends to any debt you owe us, in accord with the statutory lien.

Neither our contract rights nor rights under a statutory lien apply to this account if prohibited by law. For example, neither our contract rights nor rights under a statutory lien apply to this account if: (a) it is an Individual Retirement Account or similar tax-deferred account, or (b) the debt is created by a consumer credit transaction under a credit card plan (but this does not affect our rights under any consensual security interest), or (c) the debtor's right of withdrawal arises only in a representative capacity. 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.

**AUTHORIZED SIGNER (Individual Accounts only)** - A single individual is the owner. The authorized signer is merely designated to conduct transactions on the owner's behalf. The owner does not give up any rights to act on the account, and the authorized signer may not in any manner affect the rights of the owner or beneficiaries, if any, other than by withdrawing funds from the account. The owner is responsible for any transactions of the authorized signer. We undertake no obligation to monitor transactions to determine that they are on the owner's behalf.

The owner may terminate the authorization at any time, and the authorization is automatically terminated by the death of the owner. However, we may continue to honor the transactions of the authorized signer until: (a) we have received written notice or have actual knowledge of the termination of authority, and (b) we have a reasonable opportunity to act on that notice or knowledge. We may refuse to accept the designation of an authorized signer.

**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.

**FACSIMILE SIGNATURES** - Unless you make advance arrangements with us, we have no obligation to honor facsimile signatures on your checks or other orders. If we do agree to honor items containing facsimile signatures, you authorize us, at any time, to charge you for all checks, drafts, or other orders, for the payment of money, that are drawn on us. You give us this authority regardless of by whom or by what means the facsimile signature(s) may have been affixed so long as they resemble the facsimile signature specimen filed with us, and contain the required number of signatures for this purpose. You must notify us at once if you suspect that your facsimile signature is being or has been misused.

**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.

**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 unless you notify us in writing that the check requires multiple indorsements. We must receive the notice in time for us to have a reasonable opportunity to act on it, and you must tell us the precise date of the check, amount, check number and payee. 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.

**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 claiming 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.

**CREDIT VERIFICATION** - You agree that we may verify credit and employment history by any necessary means, including preparation of a credit report by a credit reporting agency.

**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.

## 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. As between you and us, if you are negligent in safeguarding your checks, you must bear the loss entirely yourself, or share the loss with us if we failed to use ordinary care which substantially contributes to the loss.

**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 on the entire account balance in the event of a partial early withdrawal. See your separately provided notice of penalty for early withdrawal for additional information.

**CHANGES IN NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION** - You are responsible for notifying us of any change in your name, address, or other information we use to communicate with you. Unless we agree otherwise, notice of such a change must be made in writing or through online banking. Informing us of your address or name change on a check reorder form is not sufficient. We will attempt to communicate with you only by use of the most recent information you have provided to us. If provided elsewhere, we may impose a service fee if we attempt to locate you.

**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.

**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.

**ACH AND WIRE TRANSFERS** - 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 rules. 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. 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.

**POWER OF ATTORNEY** - You may wish to appoint an agent to conduct transactions on your behalf. (We, however, have no duty or agreement whatsoever to monitor or insure that the acts of the agent are for your benefit.) This may be done by allowing your agent to sign in that capacity on the signature card or by separate form, such as a power of attorney. A power of attorney continues until your death or the death of the person given the power. If the power of attorney is not "durable," it is revoked when you become incompetent. We may continue to honor the transactions of the agent until: (a) we have received written notice or have actual knowledge of the termination of the authority or the death of an owner, and (b) we have had a reasonable opportunity to act on that notice or knowledge. You agree not to hold us responsible for any loss or damage you may incur as a result of our following instructions given by an agent acting under a valid power of attorney.

**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.



**NCUA INSURANCE** - Funds in your account(s) with us are insured by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. 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. You can also visit the NCUA website at [www.ncua.gov](http://www.ncua.gov) and click on the Share Insurance link. The link includes detailed contact information as well as a share insurance estimator.

**UNCLAIMED PROPERTY** - The law establishes procedures under which unclaimed property must be surrendered to the state. (We may have our own rules regarding dormant accounts, and if we charge a fee for dormant accounts it will be disclosed to you elsewhere.) Generally, the funds in your account are considered unclaimed if you have not had any activity or communication with us regarding your account over a period of years. Ask us if you want further information about the period of time or type of activity that will prevent your account from being unclaimed. If your funds are surrendered to the state, you may be able to reclaim them, but your claim must be presented to the state. Once your funds are surrendered, we no longer have any liability or responsibility with respect to the funds.

**UTMA ACCOUNTS** - Under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, the funds in the account are owned by the child who has unconditional use of the account when he or she reaches the age of majority. Before that time, the account may be accessed only by the custodian (or successor custodian), and the funds must be used for the benefit of the child. We, however, have no duty or agreement whatsoever to monitor or insure that the acts of the custodian (or successor custodian) are for the child's benefit. We are not responsible to monitor age or eligibility for an UTMA account, even though our records may include the minor's date of birth. It is the custodian's responsibility to properly distribute the funds in the account upon the minor's death or attainment of the age of majority. For this type of account, the child's SSN/TIN is used for the Backup Withholding Certification.

**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. 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. The TIN is either a social security number (SSN) or an employer identification number (EIN). For most organization or business accounts other than sole proprietorships, the appropriate TIN is the EIN of the organization or business entity. For sole proprietorships, either the SSN or the EIN is appropriate. However, we must supply the IRS with both the individual owner's name and the business name of the sole proprietorship. The appropriate TINs for various other types of accounts are:

Account type - TIN

Individual - SSN of the individual.

Joint Account - SSN of the owner named first on the account.

Uniform Transfer to Minor - SSN of the minor.

Informal (Revocable) Trust - SSN of the owner.

In some circumstances, federal law requires us to withhold and pay to the IRS a percentage of the interest that is earned on funds in your accounts. This is known as backup withholding. We will not have to withhold interest 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. 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 interest income. If you do not have a TIN, we may defer backup withholding if you certify that you do not have a TIN but have applied for one. However, we must begin backup withholding if you do not supply us with a certified TIN within 60 days. If you do not have a TIN because you are a foreign person (either an individual who is a nonresident alien or a foreign organization) you must certify your foreign status. If you are an exempt payee (receiver of interest payments), you do not need to certify your TIN, but you will have to certify your exempt status and supply us with your TIN. The most common exempt payees are corporations, organizations exempt from tax under Section 501(a), and an individual retirement plan or a custodial account under Section 403(b)(7). If you do not supply us with the appropriate TIN, we may refuse to open your account.

**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 certified 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.

**TRANSACTIONS BY MAIL** - You may deposit checks or drafts by mail. You should endorse 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. You should use the pre-encoded deposit slips found in your checkbook. 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.

**FOREIGN ACCOUNTS** - Unless we agree in writing to the contrary, funds held in accounts at our offices located outside of the States of the United States and the District of Columbia (termed "foreign accounts" in this section) are payable solely in the country in which your account was opened and is maintained. Payment from foreign accounts may not be demanded from our offices in the United States. Funds are payable only in the currency of the country in which the foreign account is held. Offices located in the United States do not accept responsibility for any loss or damages incurred by any owner or payee of a foreign account resulting from government orders, laws, or from any other cause beyond our control. Owners of foreign accounts assume whatever risk may exist that the foreign country in which an office is located might impose restrictions on withdrawals.

**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.

**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 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.

## NOTICE OF NEGATIVE INFORMATION

Federal law requires us to provide the following notice to members before any "negative information" may be furnished to a nationwide consumer reporting agency. "Negative information" includes information concerning delinquencies, overdrafts or any form of default. This notice does not mean that we will be reporting such information about you, only that we may report such information about members that have not done what they are required to do under our agreement.

After providing this notice, additional negative information may be submitted without providing another notice.

**We may report information about your account to credit bureaus. Late payments, missed payments or other defaults on your account may be reflected in your credit report.**

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## ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following are types of Electronic Fund Transfers we are capable of handling, some of which may not apply to your account: electronic fund transfers initiated by third parties, MemberLine telephone transfers, ATM transfers, MasterMoney debit card point-of-sale transactions, computer online banking transfers, mobile banking transfers, mobile remote deposit capture, and online account opening. Please read this disclosure carefully because it tells you your rights and obligations for the transactions listed. You should keep this notice for future reference.

**Electronic Fund Transfers Initiated By Third Parties.** You may authorize a third party to initiate electronic fund transfers between your account and the third party's account. These transfers to make or receive payment may be one-time occurrences or may recur as directed by you. These transfers may use the Automated Clearing House (ACH) or other payments network. Your authorization to the third party to make these transfers can occur in a number of ways. For example, your authorization to convert a check or draft to an electronic fund transfer or to electronically pay a returned check or draft charge can occur when a merchant provides you with notice and you go forward with the transaction (typically, at the point of purchase, a merchant will post a sign and print the notice on a receipt). In all cases, these third party transfers will require you to provide the third party with your account number and credit union information. This information can be found on your check or draft as well as on a deposit or withdrawal slip. Thus, you should only provide your credit union and account information (whether over the phone, the Internet, or via some other method) to trusted third parties whom you have authorized to initiate these electronic fund transfers. Examples of these transfers include, but are not limited to:

- **Preauthorized credits.** You may make arrangements for certain direct deposits to be accepted into your checking, share savings, or money market account(s).
- **Preauthorized payments.** You may make arrangements to pay certain recurring bills from your checking, share savings, or money market account(s).
- **Electronic check or draft conversion.** You may authorize a merchant or other payee to make a one-time electronic payment from your checking or share draft account using information from your check or draft to pay for purchases or pay bills.
- **Electronic returned check or draft charge.** You may authorize a merchant or other payee to initiate an electronic funds transfer to collect a charge in the event a check or draft is returned for insufficient funds.

**MemberLine Telephone Transfers - types of transfers** - You may access your account by telephone 24 hours a day at (800) 452-4549 using your personal identification number, a touch tone phone, and your account numbers, to:

- transfer funds from checking to checking, share savings, or money market
- transfer funds from share savings to checking, share savings, or money market
- transfer funds from line of credit to checking or share savings
- make payments from checking or share savings to loan accounts with us
- get information about:
  - the account balance of all deposit and loan accounts
  - deposits to checking or share savings accounts
  - withdrawals from checking or share savings accounts

**Mobile Banking Transfers - types of transfers** - You may access your account by mobile banking using your mobile device and online banking credentials, to:

- transfer funds from checking to checking, share savings, or money market
- transfer funds from share savings to checking, share savings, or money market
- transfer funds from line of credit to checking or share savings
- make payments from checking or share savings to loan accounts with us
- make payments from checking to third parties (through Bill Payer service)
- make deposits to your checking or share savings accounts using your mobile device (Refer to Mobile Remote Deposit Capture Services Disclosure and Agreement for Terms and Conditions)
- get information about:
  - the account balance of all deposit and loan accounts
  - deposits to checking or share savings accounts
  - withdrawals from checking or share savings accounts

**ATM Transfers - NYCE, SUM, Allpoint and Cirrus Networks - types of transfers and dollar limitations** - You may access your account(s) by ATM using your ATM card and personal identification number (PIN) or MasterMoney™ Debit Card and personal identification number (PIN), to:

- make deposits to checking or share savings account(s)
- get cash withdrawals from checking or share savings account(s)
  - you may withdraw no more than \$500.00 per day per card
- transfer funds from share savings to checking account(s)
- transfer funds from checking to share savings account(s)
- get information about:
  - the account balance of your checking or share savings account(s)
- purchase postage stamps

Some of these services may not be available at all terminals.

**Types of MasterMoney™ Debit Card Point-of-Sale Transactions** - You may access your checking account(s) to purchase goods (in person, online, or by phone), pay for services (in person, online, or by phone), get cash from a merchant, if the merchant permits, or from a participating financial institution, and do anything that a participating merchant will accept.

**Point-of-Sale Transactions - dollar limitations** - Using your card:

- you may not exceed \$2,500.00 in transactions per day per card

**Currency Conversion.** If you initiate a transaction with your MasterMoney™ Debit Card in a currency other than US Dollars, Mastercard will convert the charge into a US Dollar amount. The Mastercard currency conversion procedure is based on rates observed in the wholesale market or, where applicable, on government-mandated rates. The currency conversion rate Mastercard generally uses is the rate for the applicable currency that is in effect on the day the transaction occurred. However, in limited situations, particularly where Mastercard transaction processing is being delayed, Mastercard may instead use the rate for the applicable currency in effect on the day the transaction is processed.

**Advisory Against Illegal Use.** You agree not to use your card(s) for illegal gambling or other illegal purpose. Display of a payment card logo by, for example, an online merchant does not necessarily mean that transactions are lawful in all jurisdictions in which the cardholder may be located.

**Computer Online Banking Transfers - types of transfers** - You may access your account(s) by computer through the internet by logging onto our website at [www.freedom.coop](http://www.freedom.coop) to:

- transfer funds from checking to checking, share savings, money market, or club accounts
- transfer funds from share savings to checking, share savings, money market, or club accounts
- transfer funds from line of credit to checking or share savings
- make payments from checking or share savings to loan account(s) with us
- make payments from checking to third parties (through Bill Payer service)
- get information about:
  - the account balance of checking or share savings account(s)
  - deposits to checking or share savings accounts
  - withdrawals from checking or share savings accounts

## FEES

- We do not charge for direct deposits to any type of account.
- We do not charge for preauthorized payments from any type of account.

Except as indicated elsewhere, we do not charge for these electronic fund transfers.

**ATM Operator/Network Fees.** When you use an ATM not owned by us, you may be charged a fee by the ATM operator or any network used (and you may be charged a fee for a balance inquiry even if you do not complete a fund transfer).

## DOCUMENTATION

- **Terminal transfers.** You can get a receipt at the time you make a transfer to or from your account using an automated teller machine or point-of-sale terminal. However, you may not get a receipt if the amount of the transfer is \$15 or less.
- **Preauthorized credits.** If you have arranged to have direct deposits made to your account at least once every 60 days from the same person or company, you can call us at (413) 739-6961 to find out whether or not the deposit has been made.
- **Periodic statements.**  
You will get a monthly account statement from us for your checking, share savings, or money market accounts.

## PREAUTHORIZED PAYMENTS

- **Right to stop payment and procedure for doing so.** If you have told us in advance to make regular payments out of your account, you can stop any of these payments. Here is how:  
Call or write us at the telephone number or address listed in this disclosure in time for us to receive your request 3 business days or more before the payment is scheduled to be made. If you call, we may also require you to put your request in writing and get it to us within 14 days after you call.  
Please refer to our separate fee schedule for the amount we will charge you for each stop-payment order you give.
- **Notice of varying amounts.** If these regular payments may vary in amount, the person you are going to pay will tell you, 10 days before each payment, when it will be made and how much it will be. (You may choose instead to get this notice only when the payment would differ by more than a certain amount from the previous payment, or when the amount would fall outside certain limits that you set.)
- **Liability for failure to stop payment of preauthorized transfer.** If you order us to stop one of these payments 3 business days or more before the transfer is scheduled, and we do not do so, we will be liable for your losses or damages.

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTION'S LIABILITY

**Liability for failure to make transfers.** If we do not complete a transfer to or from your account on time or in the correct amount according to our agreement with you, we will be liable for your losses or damages. However, there are some exceptions. We will not be liable, for instance:

- (1) If, through no fault of ours, you do not have enough money in your account to make the transfer.
- (2) If you have an overdraft line and the transfer would go over the credit limit.
- (3) If the automated teller machine where you are making the transfer does not have enough cash.
- (4) If the terminal or system was not working properly and you knew about the breakdown when you started the transfer.
- (5) If circumstances beyond our control (such as fire or flood) prevent the transfer, despite reasonable precautions that we have taken.
- (6) There may be other exceptions stated in our agreement with you.

## CONFIDENTIALITY

We will disclose information to third parties about your account or the transfers you make:

- (1) where it is necessary for completing transfers; or
- (2) in order to verify the existence and condition of your account for a third party, such as a credit bureau or merchant; or
- (3) in order to comply with government agency or court orders; or
- (4) by your written authorization which shall automatically expire 45 days after our receipt of your authorization.

## UNAUTHORIZED TRANSFERS

### (a) Consumer liability.

• **Generally.** Tell us AT ONCE if you believe your card and/or code has been lost or stolen, or if you believe that an electronic fund transfer has been made without your permission using information from your check or draft. Telephoning is the best way of keeping your possible losses down. You could lose up to \$50 if someone used your card and/or code without your permission.

Also, if your statement shows transfers that you did not make, including those made by card, code or other means, tell us at once. If you do not tell us within 60 days after the statement was mailed to you, you may not get back the money you lost (up to \$50) after the 60 days if we can prove that we could have stopped someone from taking the money if you had told us in time.

If a good reason (such as a long trip or a hospital stay) kept you from telling us, we will extend the time period.

• **Additional Limits on Liability for MasterMoney™ Debit Card.** You will not be liable for any unauthorized transactions using your MasterMoney™ Debit Card if: (i) you can demonstrate that you have exercised reasonable care in safeguarding your card from the risk of loss or theft, and (ii) upon becoming aware of a loss or theft, you promptly report the loss or theft to us. Mastercard is a registered trademark, and the circles design is a trademark of Mastercard International Incorporated.

(b) **Contact in event of unauthorized transfer.** If you believe your card and/or code has been lost or stolen, call or write us at the telephone number or address listed in this disclosure. You should also call the number or write to the address listed in this disclosure if you believe a transfer has been made using the information from your check or draft without your permission.

## ERROR RESOLUTION NOTICE

In Case of Errors or Questions About Your Electronic Transfers, Call or Write us at the telephone number or address listed in this disclosure, as soon as you can, if you think your statement or receipt is wrong or if you need more information about a transfer listed on the statement or receipt. We must hear from you no later than 60 days after we sent the FIRST statement on which the problem or error appeared.

- (1) Tell us your name and account number (if any).
- (2) Describe the error or the transfer you are unsure about, and explain as clearly as you can why you believe it is an error or why you need more information.
- (3) Tell us the dollar amount of the suspected error.

If you tell us orally, we may require that you send us your complaint or question in writing within 10 business days.

We will determine whether an error occurred within 10 business days (20 business days if the transfer involved a new account) after we hear from you and will correct any error promptly. If we need more time, however, we may take up to 45 days (90 days if the transfer involved a new account, a point-of-sale transaction, or a foreign-initiated transfer) to investigate your complaint or question. If we decide to do this, we will provide your account with provisional credit within the 10 business days (20 business days if the transfer involved a new account) for the amount of the error that is under investigation, so that you will have the use of these funds during the time it takes us to complete our investigation. If we ask you to put your complaint or question in writing and we do not receive it within 10 business days, we may not credit your account. Your account is considered a new account for the first 30 days after the first deposit is made, unless each of you already has an established account with us before this account is opened.

We will tell you the results within three business days after completing our investigation. If we decide that there was no error, we will send you a written explanation and withdraw the provisional credit at this time.

You may ask for copies of the documents that we used in our investigation.

FREEDOM CREDIT UNION  
1976 MAIN STREET  
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01101  
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Phone: (413) 739-6961 or (800) 821-0160  
MORE DETAILED INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

## YOUR ABILITY TO WITHDRAW FUNDS

This policy statement applies to deposits into all accounts made at a Freedom Credit Union branch or ATM. This policy does not apply to deposits made through a mobile or other electronic device.

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 \$225 available on the first business day after 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 closing 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 closing 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 a Freedom Credit Union ATM on a business day before 3:00 PM (local time), we will consider that day to be the day of your deposit. If you make a deposit at a Freedom Credit Union ATM on or after 3:00 PM (local time) on a business day or on a day we are not open, we will consider the deposit to be made on the next business day we are open.

### Same-Day Availability

Funds from the following deposits are available on the day we receive the deposit:

- Cash
- Electronic direct deposits
- Payroll checks
- U.S. Treasury checks that are payable to you
- Wire transfers
- Checks drawn on Freedom Credit Union
- State and local government checks that are payable to you
- Cashier's, certified, and teller's checks that are payable to you
- Federal Reserve Bank checks, Federal Home Loan Bank checks, and postal money orders, if these items are payable to you

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

The first \$225 from a deposit of other checks will be available on the first business day after 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, \$225 of the deposit is available on Tuesday. The remaining \$475 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 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.

If we accept for deposit a check that is drawn on another bank, we may make funds from the deposit available for withdrawal immediately but delay your availability to withdraw a corresponding amount of funds that you have on deposit in another account with us. The funds in the other account would then not be available for withdrawal until the time periods that are described elsewhere in this disclosure for the type of check that you deposited.

### 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 \$5,525 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.

### SPECIAL RULES FOR NEW ACCOUNTS

If you are a new member, the following special rules will apply during the first 30 days your account is open.

Funds from cash, wire transfers, and electronic direct deposits to your account will be available on the day we receive the deposit. Funds from the first \$5,525 of a day's total deposits of cashier's, postal money orders, certified, teller's, traveler's, payroll checks, and federal, state and local government checks will be available on the first business day after the day of your deposit if the deposit meets certain conditions. For example, the checks must be payable to you (and you may have to use a special deposit slip). The excess over \$5,525 will be available on the ninth business day after the day of your deposit. If your deposit of these checks (other than a U.S. Treasury check) is not made in person to one of our employees, the first \$5,525 will not be available until the second business day after the day of your deposit.

Funds from all other check deposits will be available on the ninth business day after the day of your deposit.

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## MEMBER PRIVILEGE® OVERDRAFT SERVICE

There are several ways your account can become overdrawn, such as (1) the payment of checks, electronic funds transfers or other withdrawal requests; (2) payments authorized by you (i.e. debit card at point of sale); (3) the return of unpaid items deposited by you; (4) credit union service charges; or (5) the deposit of items which, according to the credit union's Funds Availability Policy, are treated as not yet available.

Member Privilege® is a discretionary overdraft service requiring no action on your part that provides you a safety net up to an automatically assigned overdraft limit. If you are a new member, you may be able to use the overdraft service 60 days after the account is opened.

Your Member Privilege® limit may be available for each item created by checks and other transactions made using your checking account number, such as a teller withdrawal, an automatic payment (ACH) transaction, automatic bill payment, or recurring debit card payment.

If you request us to do so (opt in), we may authorize ATM transfers or withdrawals and everyday debit card purchases by using your available balance and your Member Privilege® limit. Your balance at the time these transactions post will determine the overdraft status and the assessment of fees. Other transactions initiated by you, or a delay in processing authorized transactions by the merchant, may result in previously authorized transactions posting against an insufficient balance. An Insufficient Funds Charge\* will be charged for each ATM or everyday debit card transaction that posts against insufficient funds.

Multiple paid items will result in multiple fees. For example, three paid items in one day will result in three (3) Insufficient Funds Charges\*. To help you manage your account, the total fees you have paid for items (both paid and returned) during the current month and for the year-to-date will be reflected on your monthly checking statement.

While we are not obligated to pay any item presented for payment if your account does not contain enough funds, as long as you maintain your account in "good standing," we may approve your overdraft items within your unused Member Privilege® limit as a non-contractual courtesy. For Member Privilege® consideration, your account is in "good standing" if you (1) make sufficient deposits to bring your account to a positive end-of-day balance at least once every 30 calendar days (including the payment of all credit union fees and charges); (2) avoid excessive overdrafts suggesting the use of Member Privilege® as a continuing line of credit; (3) have no legal orders, levies or liens against your account; and (4) you are current on all obligations/loans to the credit union.

In the normal course of business, we generally pay electronic transactions first and then checks low to high dollar amount, per the credit union's policy; however, checks are often converted to electronic transactions which may post to your account more quickly, affecting the order in which they post. In addition, we post incoming transactions in real time, so checks and other debits to your account may post before deposits and other credits. If there are insufficient funds in your account at the time a transaction posts, you will be charged for each item paid. We reserve the right to change the order of payment without notice to you if we suspect fraud or possible illegal activity affecting your account. Also, the order we pay your items may create multiple overdraft items during a single banking day and you will be charged our Insufficient Funds Charge\* for each overdraft item paid.

There is no additional cost associated with Member Privilege® unless you use it. If you do use the Member Privilege® limit, you will be charged our Insufficient Funds Charge\* for each overdrawn item created by checks and any other transactions made using your checking account number, such as a teller withdrawal, an automatic payment (ACH) transaction, automatic bill payment, or recurring debit card payment.

You may opt out of the privilege at any time, but you are responsible for any overdrawn balances at the time of opting out. Normally, we will not approve an overdraft for you in excess of the predetermined limit assigned to your account. So as not to exceed your limit, remember that the amount of the overdraft plus the credit union's Insufficient Funds Charge\* per item will be deducted from the Member Privilege® limit.

If you would like to revoke your previous authorization for ATM and debit card transaction coverage, or have Member Privilege® removed entirely from your account, please call (800) 821-0160.

We may refuse to pay an overdraft item at any time even though we may have previously paid overdrafts for you. For example, we typically do not pay overdraft items if your account is not in good standing as defined above, or, if based upon our review of your account management, we determine that you are using Member Privilege® excessively or seem to be using Member Privilege® as a regular line of credit. You will be charged an Insufficient Funds Charge\* for each item returned. Returned items may be presented for payment by the payee or their financial institution multiple times, which may result in multiple Insufficient Funds Charges\*. It is our policy not to charge for representations. If our processing system charges you for representation on the same item, please contact us for a refund as it is our policy not to charge for representations.

We will notify you promptly of any non-sufficient fund items paid or returned, however we have no obligation to notify you before we pay or return any item. The amount of any overdraft including our Insufficient Funds Charge\* that you owe us is due and payable upon demand even if we do not ask you for payment. You must repay us no later than 30 calendar days after the creation of the overdraft. If there is more than one owner on the account, each owner and agent, if applicable, shall be jointly and severally liable for all overdrafts including all fees charged.

Member Privilege® should not be viewed as an encouragement to overdraw your account. To avoid fees, we encourage you to manage your finances responsibly by keeping track of your account balance and reconciling it regularly. Balances provided do not include the Member Privilege® limit.

The best way to avoid overdrafts and fees is to manage your account so you don't overdraw it; however, if a mistake occurs, Freedom Credit Union offers additional ways to cover overdrafts in addition to Member Privilege®.

WAYS TO COVER OVERDRAFTS AT FREEDOM CREDIT UNION	ASSOCIATED FEES
Good Account Management	\$0
Overdraft Line of Credit (Subject to credit approval)	18.00% APR*
Link to savings account	Transfer fee for each item*
Member Privilege®	Insufficient Funds Charge*

\*Annual Percentage Rate subject to change without notice. Refer to Member Fee Schedule for current list of fees.

**LIMITATIONS:** Member Privilege® is a non-contractual courtesy that is available to individually/jointly owned accounts in good standing for personal use. Freedom Credit Union reserves the right to limit participation to one account per household and to suspend, revoke, or discontinue this service without prior notice. **If your limit is suspended, unless we notify you otherwise, or you request this service be removed from your account, your limit will be made available to cover overdrafts again the first business day after you bring your account to a positive end-of-day balance.**

\*Please refer to our separate fee schedule for additional information about charges.

## ARBITRATION ADDENDUM

### Addendum to Freedom Credit Union Understanding Your Deposit Account Terms and Conditions, effective as of April 1, 2024.

This Addendum ("Addendum") amends the Freedom Credit Union Understanding Your Deposit Account Terms and Conditions between you and us. READ THIS ADDENDUM CAREFULLY AS IT AFFECTS HOW LEGAL DISPUTES BETWEEN YOU AND US ARE RESOLVED. IF YOU DO NOT OPT OUT AS PROVIDED BELOW, ALL DISPUTES BETWEEN YOU AND US WILL BE SUBJECT TO BINDING INDIVIDUAL ARBITRATION. Solely for purposes of this Addendum, the terms "we," "us" and "our" in addition to referring to Freedom Credit Union, also refer to Freedom Credit Union's employees, officers, directors, parents, agents, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors and assigns.

From time to time, you may have concerns having to do with your account or other matters. Most concerns can be resolved by calling our representatives at 413-739-6961 or 1-800-821-0160. In the event that a Dispute (as defined below) arises between you and us about the Understanding Your Deposit Account Terms and Conditions or any services that we provide, you and we agree to work in good faith to resolve such Dispute.

If we are not able to resolve a Dispute within thirty (30) days after we receive a Notice of Dispute (as described below) and it is within the jurisdiction of a small claims court, either party may seek relief in small claims court of having jurisdiction over the Dispute.

If we are not able to resolve a Dispute within thirty (30) days after we receive a Notice of Dispute (as described below) and it is not within the jurisdiction of a small claims court, you and we agree to resolve the Dispute exclusively through binding individual arbitration before the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") in accordance with terms set forth in this Addendum.

Some rights (such as the right to obtain information from the other party and the right to appeal a decision) may be more limited in arbitration than they would be in a court proceeding. You and we agree and acknowledge that in our relationship arising from the Freedom Credit Union Understanding Your Deposit Account Terms and Conditions and your account, the parties are participating in transactions that involve interstate commerce, and that the Federal Arbitration Act ("FAA") governs the interpretation and enforcement of this Addendum.

**JURY TRIAL WAIVER.** YOU AND WE AGREE TO WAIVE ANY RIGHT YOU OR WE MAY HAVE TO A JURY TRIAL OR TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO LITIGATE ANY DISPUTE IN COURT (EXCEPT IN SMALL CLAIMS COURT).

**CLASS ACTION WAIVER.** YOU AGREE TO WAIVE ANY RIGHT YOU MAY HAVE TO BRING A CLASS ACTION OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE ACTION AGAINST US OR TO PARTICIPATE IN A CLASS ACTION OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE ACTION BROUGHT BY SOMEONE ELSE. You agree not to join in a Dispute with anyone other than persons who are joint account owners or beneficiaries on your account.

**Disputes Covered.** The term "Dispute" includes any and all claims, disputes, actions or other controversies, whether based in contract, tort, statute, fraud or any other legal or equitable theory, that arise out of or are related to this deposit account agreement; your account; any transaction, service, product or fee related to your account; or any other aspect of the relationship between you and us. Disputes subject to arbitration include those based on present, future or past events (including events that occurred before the effective date of this Addendum or any earlier agreement governing the terms and conditions of your account), whether asserted as original claims, counterclaims, cross-claims, third-party claims, interpleaders, or in any other form.

**Mail a Notice of Dispute.** If you have a Dispute and our representatives cannot resolve it, you agree to send a written Notice of Dispute to the Notice Address listed below. The Notice must describe your Dispute and clearly state what you want us to do. If we do not reach an agreement to resolve the Dispute within 30 days after we receive the Notice, either you or Freedom Credit Union may commence an arbitration proceeding or seek relief in small claims court as specified above.

**Initiating Arbitration.** To start an arbitration, a party must send a Consumer Arbitration Rules Demand for Arbitration ("Demand") to the other party and submit a copy of the Demand and filing fee to the AAA. The form of Demand, the ways to submit a Demand to the AAA, and other information about the arbitration process are available at [www.adr.org](http://www.adr.org) or 1-800-778-7879.

**Arbitration Procedures.** The AAA will conduct the arbitration under its Consumer Arbitration Rules ("AAA Rules"), as they may be modified by this Addendum. Any Dispute submitted for arbitration shall be heard and decided by a single arbitrator. For Disputes less than \$10,000.00, the arbitration will be conducted pursuant to the AAA's Procedures for the Resolution of Disputes through Document Submission unless the arbitrator determines that an in-person, telephone or videoconference hearing is necessary. For Disputes \$10,000.00 or greater, arbitration may be conducted in person, through the submission of documents, or by phone or videoconference, and the parties' right to a hearing will be determined by AAA Rules. Proceedings that cannot be conducted through the submission of documents or by phone or videoconference will take place at a location reasonably convenient for both of us, or if we are unable to agree, at a location determined by the arbitrator.

The arbitrator shall have exclusive authority to resolve any disagreement or controversy relating to the validity, interpretation, scope or enforcement of this Addendum, or any other part or term of this deposit account agreement, or the existence or validity of this deposit account agreement as a whole (subject to the appellate and judicial review rights set forth below). All statutes of limitation, defenses, and attorney-client and other privileges that would apply in a court proceeding shall apply in and to the arbitration. The arbitrator shall apply Massachusetts law to all claims, counterclaims, and defenses. The parties shall not be permitted to seek punitive, consequential, or indirect damages relating under any theory of liability. Judgment upon any arbitration award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction.

The arbitrator's award shall be final and binding on all parties, except for any right of appeal provided by the FAA. However, if the arbitrator determines that the Class Action and Class Arbitration Waiver is invalid, void or unenforceable for any reason, in whole or in part, that determination is immediately reviewable by a court of law, and the parties hereby submit to the jurisdiction of such court for such purpose. The arbitration shall be stayed during the pendency of any such judicial review, including any appeals, requests for rehearing or petitions for certiorari.

**Costs of Arbitration.** If you submit a Demand to the AAA, you will pay the initial filing fee unless you get a fee waiver under the AAA Rules. If we submit a Demand, we pay the initial filing fee. If you have paid the initial filing fee and you prevail, we will reimburse you for that fee. If there is a hearing, we will pay any fees of the arbitrator and arbitration firm for the first day of that hearing. All other fees will be allocated as provided by the AAA Rules and applicable law. However, we will advance or reimburse your fees if the AAA or arbitrator determines there is good reason for requiring us to do so, or if you ask us and we determine there is good reason for doing so.

Each party will bear the expense of that party's attorneys, experts, and witnesses, and other expenses, regardless of which party prevails, but a party may recover any or all expenses from another party if the arbitrator, applying applicable law, so determines. You will be entitled to recover attorneys' fees in arbitration to the same extent you could in court, in accordance with applicable law. In our case, although we may have a right to recover attorneys' fees if we prevail in arbitration, we agree that we will not seek such an award, unless the arbitrator finds that your Demand was not made in good faith or is frivolous, in which case you agree to reimburse us for all monies previously disbursed by us that are otherwise your obligation to pay under AAA Rules.

**Preservation of Remedies.** You or we can do the following without giving up the right to require arbitration:

- Seek remedies in small claims court on an individual basis for Disputes within that court's jurisdiction, unless these Disputes are transferred, removed, or appealed to a different court. If so, either you or we can require the transfer of these Disputes to arbitration. Disputes filed in a small claims court are not subject to arbitration, so long as the matter remains in such court and advances only an individual (non-class, non-representative) Dispute.
- Exercise self-help remedies and take measures that do not involve a court or arbitration, including, but not limited to, setting off against your account(s).
- Comply with other contractual or mandatory regulatory procedures before a Dispute may be brought to arbitration.

**Modification.** Notwithstanding Freedom Credit Union's right to amend the terms of this Addendum, arbitration of any Dispute will be conducted pursuant to the terms of this Addendum in effect at such time as Freedom Credit Union receives Notice of the Dispute, in writing, at the Notice Address listed above. If we make a change to this Addendum (other than address changes), you may reject that change by sending us written notice, within 30 days of the change, to the Notice Address listed below. If you do so, the most recent version of this Addendum that was in effect before the change you rejected will apply. This Addendum shall survive the closing of your account and remain binding on you and your heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

**Severability.** If any term of this Addendum, other than the Class Action and Class Arbitration Waiver, is deemed or found to be invalid, void or unenforceable for any reason, that term shall be deemed severable and shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any remaining term. The Class Action and Class Arbitration Waiver is non-severable and if, following the conclusion of the judicial review process described above, it is deemed or found to be invalid, void or unenforceable for any reason, this entire Addendum shall be null and void.

**OPT OUT PROCEDURE.** You have the right to opt out of this Addendum and doing so will not affect any other terms of this deposit account agreement or your relationship with us. TO OPT OUT OF THIS ADDENDUM FOR ACCOUNTS OPENED ON OR BEFORE April 1, 2024, YOU MUST MAIL US WRITTEN NOTICE OF YOUR DECISION, POSTMARKED BY April 30, 2024. For accounts opened after April 1, 2024 you must mail us written notice of your opt-out decision, postmarked within 30 days of opening your account. Your opt out notice must include your name, address, account number for each account you wish to opt out and your signature and must be mailed to: Deposit Operations, Freedom Credit Union, 1976 Main Street, Springfield MA 01103 ("Notice Address"). This is the only method by which you can opt out of this Addendum. For joint accounts, an opt-out notice signed by one account owner shall apply to all owners listed on the account. This Addendum will apply to any Dispute relating to any account(s) for which we do not receive a timely and proper opt-out notice as described in this paragraph (including Disputes involving account owners added to your account in the future).

If you opt out of this Addendum, all other parts of the Understanding Your Deposit Account Terms and Conditions between you and us will continue to apply to your account(s). Opting out of this Addendum has no effect on any previous, other, or future arbitration agreements that you may have with us.

#### COMMON FEATURES

**Bylaw requirements:**

You must complete payment of one share in your Share Savings account as a condition of admission to membership. If the balance in your Share Savings account falls below \$5.00, you may be terminated from membership immediately.

**National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund and Massachusetts Share Insurance Corporation** - Member accounts in this credit union are insured by Massachusetts Share Insurance Corporation and federally insured by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund.



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