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## MEMBERSHIP AND ACCOUNT AGREEMENT

This Agreement covers your and our rights and responsibilities concerning Accounts the Credit Union (Credit Union) offers. In this Agreement, the words “you” and “yours” mean anyone who signs an Account Card or Account Change Card (Account Card). The words “we,” “us,” and “our” mean the Credit Union. The word “account” means any one or more Share or other accounts you have with the Credit Union.

Your account type(s) and ownership features are designated on your Account Card. By signing an Account Card, you, jointly and severally, agree to the terms and conditions in this Agreement and Account Card, the Funds Availability Policy Disclosure, Truth-in-Savings Rate and Fee Schedule (Rate and Fee Schedule), if applicable, Electronic Funds Transfer Agreement and Disclosure, and any Account Receipt accompanying this Agreement, and the Credit Union’s Bylaws and policies, and any amendments of these documents from time to time which collectively govern your Membership and Accounts.

**1. Membership Eligibility.** To join the Credit Union you must meet the membership requirements including purchase and maintenance of at least one (1) share (“membership share”) as set forth in the Credit Union’s Bylaws. You authorize us to check your account, credit, and employment history, and obtain reports from third parties, including credit reporting agencies, to verify your eligibility for the accounts and services you request.

**2. Single Party Accounts.** A single party account is an account owned by one member (individual, corporation, partnership, trust or other organization) qualified for credit union membership. If the account owner dies, the interest passes, subject to applicable law, to the decedent’s estate or Payable on Death (POD) beneficiary/payee or trust beneficiary, subject to other provisions of this Agreement governing our protection for honoring transfer and withdrawal requests of an owner or owner’s agent prior to notice of an owner’s death.

**3. Multiple Party Accounts.** An account owned by two or more persons is a multiple party account.

a. Rights of Survivorship. Unless otherwise stated on the Account Card, a multiple party account includes rights of survivorship. This means when one owner dies, all sums in the account will pass to the surviving owner(s). A surviving owner’s interest is subject to the Credit Union’s statutory lien for the deceased owner’s obligations and to any security interest or pledge granted by a deceased owner, even if a surviving owner did not consent to it. **Unless contrary direction is given in the account agreement, upon the death of a party, the funds in the multiple party account shall belong to the surviving party or parties.**

b. Control of Accounts. Any party is authorized and deemed to act for any other party(ies) and may instruct us regarding transactions and other account matters. Each party guarantees the signature of any other party(ies). Any party may withdraw all funds, stop payment on items, transfer, or pledge to us all or any part of the shares (except the membership share) without the consent of the other party(ies). We have no duty to notify any party(ies) about any transaction. We reserve the right to require written consent of all parties for any change to or termination of an account. If we receive written notice of a dispute between parties or inconsistent instructions from them, we may suspend or terminate the account and require a court order or written consent from all parties to act.

c. Liability of Parties on an Account. If a deposited item in a joint account is returned unpaid, an account is overdrawn, or if we do not receive final payment on a transaction, the parties, jointly and severally, are liable to us for the amount of the returned item, overdraft, or unpaid amount and any charges, regardless of who initiated or benefited from the transaction. If any party on an account is indebted to us, we may enforce our rights against any account of a party or all funds in the joint account regardless of who contributed them.

d. POD/Trust Account Designations. A Payable on Death (POD) account or trust account designation is an instruction to the Credit Union that a single or multiple party account so designated is payable to the party(ies) during his, her or their lifetimes and, when the last party on an account dies, payable to any named and surviving POD payee or trust beneficiary. Accounts payable to more than one surviving beneficiary/payee are owned jointly by such beneficiaries/payees. Any POD or trust beneficiary/payee designation shall not apply to Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) which are governed by a separate beneficiary/payee designation. We are not obligated to notify any beneficiary/payee of the existence of any account or the vesting of the beneficiary/payee’s interest in any account, except as otherwise provided by law.

**4. Uniform Transfers to Minors Account.** A Uniform Transfers to Minors Account (UTMA) is an individual account created by a custodian who deposits funds as an irrevocable gift to a minor. The minor to whom the gift is made is the beneficiary of the custodial property in the account. The custodian has possession and control of the account for the exclusive right and benefit of the minor and barring a court order otherwise, is the only party entitled to make deposits, withdrawals, or close the account. We have no duty to inquire about the use or purpose of any transaction. If the custodian dies, and there is no successor custodian named, we may suspend the account until we receive instructions from any person authorized by law to withdraw funds or a court order authorizing withdrawal.

**5. Deposit of Funds Requirements.** Funds may be deposited to any account, in any manner approved by the Credit Union in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Truth-In-Savings Disclosure.

a. Endorsements. We may accept transfers, checks, drafts, and other items for deposit into any of your accounts if they are made payable to, or to the order of, one or more account owners even if they are not endorsed by all payees. You authorize us to supply missing endorsements of any owners if we choose. If a check, draft or item that is payable to two or more persons is ambiguous as to whether it is payable to either or both, we may process the check, draft or item as though it is payable to either person. If an

insurance, government, or other check or draft requires an endorsement as set forth on the back of the check or draft, we may require endorsement as set forth on the item. Endorsements must be made on the back of the share draft or check within 1½ inches from the top edge, although we may accept endorsements outside this space. However, any loss we incur from a delay or processing error resulting from an irregular endorsement or other markings by you or any prior endorser will be your responsibility.

b. Collection of Items. We act only as your agent and we are not responsible for handling items for deposit or collection beyond the exercise of ordinary care. Deposits made by mail or at unstaffed facilities are not our responsibility until we receive them. We are not liable for the negligence of any correspondent or for loss in transit, and each correspondent will only be liable for its own negligence. We may send any item for collection. Items drawn on an institution located outside the United States are handled on a collection basis only. You waive any notice of nonpayment, dishonor, or protest regarding items we purchase or receive for credit or collection to your account.

c. Final Payment. All items or Automated Clearing House (ACH) transfers credited to your account are provisional until we receive final payment. If final payment is not received, we may charge your account for the amount of such items or ACH transfers and impose a return item charge on your account. Any collection fees we incur may be charged to your account. We reserve the right to refuse or return any item or funds transfer.

d. Direct Deposits. We may offer preauthorized deposits (e.g., payroll checks, Social Security or retirement checks, or other government checks) or preauthorized transfers from other accounts. You must authorize each direct deposit or preauthorized transfer by filling out a separate form. You must notify us at least thirty (30) days in advance to cancel or change a direct deposit or transfer option. Upon a bankruptcy filing, unless you cancel an authorization we will continue making direct deposits in accordance with your authorization on file with us. If we are required to reimburse the U.S. Government for any benefit payment directly deposited into your account, we may deduct the amount returned from any of your accounts, unless prohibited by law.

e. Crediting of Deposits. Deposits made after the deposit cutoff time and deposits made on either holidays or days that are not our business days will be credited to your account on the next business day.

## **6. Account Access.**

a. Authorized Signature. Your signature on the Account Card authorizes your account access. We will not be liable for refusing to honor any item or instruction if we believe the signature is not genuine. If you have authorized the use of a facsimile signature, we may honor any check that appears to bear your facsimile signature even if it was made by an unauthorized person. You authorize us to honor transactions initiated by a third person to whom you have given your account number even if you do not authorize a particular transaction.

b. Access Options. You may withdraw or transfer funds from your account(s) in any manner we permit (e.g., at an automated teller machine, in person, by mail, automatic transfer, or telephone, as applicable). We may return as unpaid any draft drawn on a form we do not provide, and you are responsible for any loss we incur handling such a draft. We have the right to review and approve any form of power of attorney and may restrict account withdrawals or transfers. We are under no obligation to honor any power of attorney.

c. ACH & Wire Transfers. If we provide the service, you may initiate or receive credits or debits to your account through wire or ACH transfer. You agree that if you receive funds by a wire or ACH transfer, we are not required to notify you at the time the funds are received. Instead, the transfer will be shown on your periodic statement. We may provisionally credit your account for an ACH transfer before we receive final settlement. We may reverse the provisional credit or you will refund us the amount if we do not receive final settlement. When you initiate a wire transfer, you may identify either the recipient or any financial institution by name and by account or identifying number. The Credit Union (and other institutions) may rely on the account or other identifying number as the proper identification even if it identifies a different party or institution.

d. Credit Union Examination. We may disregard information on any draft or check, other than the signature of the drawer, the amount and any magnetic encoding. You agree that if we do not fail to exercise ordinary care in paying an item solely because our procedures do not provide for sight examination of items.

**7. Account Rates and Fees.** We pay account earnings and assess fees against your account as set forth in the Rate and Fee Schedule. We may change the Rate and Fee Schedule at any time and will notify you as required by law.

## **8. Transaction Limitations.**

a. Withdrawal Restrictions. We permit withdrawals only if your account has sufficient available funds to cover the full amount of the withdrawal or you have an established overdraft protection plan. Drafts or other transfer or payment orders which are drawn against insufficient funds may be subject to a service charge set forth in the Rate and Fee Schedule. If there are sufficient funds to cover some, but not all, of your withdrawal, we may allow those withdrawals for which there are sufficient funds in any order at our discretion.

We may refuse to allow a withdrawal in some situations, and will advise you accordingly; for example: (1) a dispute between account owners (unless a court has ordered the Credit Union to allow the withdrawal); (2) a legal garnishment, seizure or attachment is served; (3) the account secures any obligation to us; (4) required documentation has not been presented; (5) you fail to repay a Credit Union loan on time. We may require you to give written notice of seven (7) days to sixty (60) days before any intended withdrawals.

b. Transfer Limitations. For Share Savings and Money Market accounts, if applicable, you may make up to six (6) preauthorized, automatic, telephonic, or audio response transfers to another account of yours or to a third party during any calendar month. Of these six, you may make no more than three (3) transfers to a third party by check or debit card. A preauthorized transfer includes any arrangement with us to pay a third party from your account upon oral or written orders including orders received through the automated clearing house (ACH). You may make unlimited transfers to any of your accounts or to any Credit Union loan account and may make withdrawals in person, by mail, or at an ATM. However, we may refuse or reverse a transfer that exceeds these limitations and may assess fees against, suspend or close your account.

**9. Certificate Accounts.** Any time deposit, term share, share certificate, or certificate of deposit account allowed by state law (Certificate Account), whichever we offer, is subject to the terms of this Agreement, the Rate and Fee Schedule and Account Deposit Receipt for each account the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference.

**10. Overdrafts.**

a. Overdraft Liability. If on any day, the funds in your Share account are not sufficient to cover drafts, fees or other items posted to your account, those amounts will be handled in accordance with our overdraft procedures or an overdraft protection plan you have with us. The Credit Union's determination of an insufficient account balance may be made at any time between presentation and the Credit Union's midnight deadline with only one review of the account required. We do not have to notify you if your account does not have funds to cover drafts, fees or other posted items. Whether the item is paid or returned, your account may be subject to a charge as set forth in the Rate and Fee Schedule. Except as otherwise agreed in writing, we, by covering one or any overdraft, do not agree to cover overdrafts in the future and may discontinue covering overdrafts at any time without notice. If we pay a draft or impose a fee that would otherwise overdraw your account, you agree to pay the overdrawn amount immediately. We reserve the right to pursue collection of previously dishonored items at any time, including giving a payor bank extra time beyond any midnight deadline limits.

b. Overdraft Protection Plan. If we have approved an overdraft protection plan for your account, we will honor drafts drawn on insufficient funds by transferring funds from another account under this Agreement or a loan account, as you have directed, or as required under the Credit Union's overdraft protection policy. The fee for overdraft transfers, if any, is set forth on the Rate and Fee Schedule. This Agreement governs all transfers, except those governed by agreements for loan accounts.

**11. Postdated and Staledated Drafts.** We may pay any draft without regard to its date unless you notify us of a postdating. The notice must be given to us in time so that we can notify our employees and reasonably act upon the notice and must accurately describe the draft, including the exact number, date, and amount. You understand that the exact information is necessary for the Credit Union's computer to identify the draft. We are not responsible if you give us an incorrect or incomplete description, or untimely notice. You may make an oral notice which lapses in fourteen (14) calendar days unless confirmed in writing. A written notice is effective for six (6) months and may be renewed in writing from time to time. You agree not to deposit checks, drafts, or other items before they are properly payable. We are not obligated to pay any check or draft drawn on your account which is presented more than six (6) months past its date.

**12. Stop Payment Orders.**

a. Stop Payment Order Request. You may request a stop payment order on any draft drawn on your account. To be binding an order must be dated, signed, and describe the account and draft number and the exact amount. The stop payment will be effective if the Credit Union receives the order in time for the Credit Union to act upon the order and you state the number of the account, number of the draft, and its exact amount. You understand that the exact information is necessary for the Credit Union's computer to identify the draft. If you give us incorrect or incomplete information, we will not be responsible for failing to stop payment on the draft. If the stop payment order is not received in time for us to act upon the order, we will not be liable to you or to any other party for payment of the draft. If we recredit your account after paying a draft over a valid and timely stop payment order, you agree to sign a statement describing the dispute with the payee, to transfer to us all of your rights against the payee or other holders of the draft and to assist us in any legal action.

b. Duration of Order. You may make an oral stop payment order which will lapse within fourteen (14) calendar days unless confirmed in writing within that time. A written stop payment order is effective for six (6) months and may be renewed in writing from time to time. We do not have to notify you when a stop payment order expires.

c. Liability. Fees for stop payment orders are set forth on the Rate and Fee Schedule. You may not stop payment on any certified check, cashier's check, teller's check, or any other check, draft, or payment guaranteed by us. Although payment of an item may be stopped, you may remain liable to any item holder, including us. You agree to indemnify and hold the Credit Union harmless from all costs, including attorney's fees, damages or claims related to our refusing payment of an item, including claims of any multiple party account owner, payee, or indorsee in failing to stop payment of an item as a result of incorrect information provided by you.

**13. Credit Union Liability.** If we do not properly complete a transaction according to this Agreement, we will be liable for your losses or damages not to exceed the amount of the transaction, except as otherwise provided by law. We will not be liable if: (1) your account contains insufficient funds for the transaction; (2) circumstances beyond our control prevent the transaction; (3) your loss is caused by your or another financial institution's negligence; or (4) your account funds are subject to legal process or other claim. We will not be liable for consequential damages, except liability for wrongful dishonor. We exercise ordinary care if our actions or nonactions are consistent with applicable state law, federal reserve regulations and operating letters, clearinghouse rules, and general banking practices followed in the area we serve. You grant us the right, in making payments of deposited funds, to rely exclusively on the form of the account and the terms of this Account Agreement. Any conflict between what you or our employees may say or write will be resolved by reference to this Agreement.

**14. Credit Union Lien and Security Interest.** If you owe us money as a borrower, guarantor, endorser or otherwise, we have a statutory lien on the account funds in any account in which you have an ownership interest, regardless of their source, unless prohibited by law. We may apply these funds, without further notice to you, in any order to pay off your indebtedness. By not enforcing a lien, we do not waive our right to enforce it later. In addition, you grant the Credit Union a consensual security interest in your accounts and we may use the funds from your accounts to pay any debt or amount now or hereafter owed the Credit Union, except for obligations secured by your residence, unless prohibited by applicable law. All accounts are nonassignable and nontransferable to third parties.

**15. Legal Process.** If any legal action is brought against your account, we may pay out funds according to the terms of the action or refuse any payout until the dispute is resolved. Any expenses or attorney fees we incur responding to legal process may be charged against your account without notice, unless prohibited by law. Any legal process against your account is subject to our lien, security interest, and attorney fees pursuant to the current Fee Schedule.

**16. Account Information.** Upon request, we will give you the name and address of each agency from which we obtain a credit report regarding your account. We agree not to disclose account information to third parties except when: (1) it is necessary to complete a transaction; (2) the third party seeks to verify the existence or condition of your account in accordance with applicable law; (3) such disclosure complies with the law or a government agency or court order; or (4) you give us written permission.

**17. Notices.**

a. Name or Address Changes. You are responsible for notifying us of any address or name change. The Credit Union is only required to attempt to communicate with you at the most recent address you have provided to us. We may accept oral notices of a change in address and may require any other notice from you to us be provided in writing. If we attempt to locate you, we may impose a service fee as set forth on the Rate and Fee Schedule.

b. Notice of Amendments. Except as prohibited by applicable law, we may change the terms of this Agreement. We will notify you of any changes in terms, rates, or fees as required by law. We reserve the right to waive any term in this Agreement. Any such waiver shall not affect our right to future enforcement.

c. Effect of Notice. Any written notice you give us is effective when we receive it. Any written notice we give to you is effective when it is deposited in the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid and addressed to you at your statement mailing address. Notice to any account owner is considered notice to all account owners.

**18. Taxpayer Identification Numbers and Backup Withholding.** Your failure to furnish a correct Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) or meet other requirements may result in backup withholding. If your account is subject to backup withholding, we must withhold and pay to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) a percentage of dividends, interest, and certain other payments. If you fail to provide your TIN, we may suspend opening your account, or, if applicable, you may request a non-dividend or non-interest bearing account until a TIN is provided.

**19. USA Patriot Act.** It is the policy of MECU that it will not establish an account relationship with an individual or allow an individual to become a signatory party to an account relationship until the required USA PATRIOT Act information about the individual is obtained. It is further the policy of MECU that it will not establish an account relationship with an entity until the required USA PATRIOT Act information about the entity is obtained, with the following exception. If the person is a newly formed legal entity and does not have a Taxpayer Identification Number, but provides evidence that a Taxpayer Identification Number has been applied for, then the account may be opened. In such case, the customer will be required to provide its Taxpayer Identification Number within five (5) weeks of the date that the account is opened. If the Taxpayer Identification Number is not provided, the account shall be closed.

**20. Statements.**

a. Contents. If we provide a periodic statement for your account, you will receive a periodic statement of transactions and activity on your account during the statement period as required by applicable law. If a periodic statement is provided, you agree that only one statement is necessary for a multiple party account. For share draft or checking accounts, you understand and agree that your original draft, when paid, becomes property of the Credit Union and may not be returned to you, but copies may be retained by us or payable through financial institutions and made available upon your request. You understand and agree that statements are made available to you on the date they are mailed to you. You also understand and agree that drafts or copies thereof are made available to you on the date the statement is mailed to you, even if the drafts do not accompany the statement.

b. Examination. You are responsible for examining each statement and reporting any irregularities to us. We will not be responsible for any forged, altered, unauthorized or unsigned items drawn on your account if (1) you fail to notify us within thirty-three (33) days of the mailing date of the earliest statement regarding any forgery, alteration or unauthorized signature on any item described in the statement; or (2) any items are forged or altered in a manner not detectable by a reasonable person, including the unauthorized use of a facsimile signature machine.

c. Notice to Credit Union. You agree that the Credit Union's retention of drafts does not alter or waive your responsibility to examine your statements or the time limit for notifying us of any errors. The statement will be considered correct for all purposes and we will not be liable for any payment made or charge to your account unless you notify us in writing within the above time limit for notifying us of any errors. If you fail to receive a periodic statement you agree to notify us within fourteen (14) days of the time you regularly receive a statement.

**21. Inactive Accounts.** If your account falls below any applicable minimum balance and you have not made any transactions over a period specified in the Fee Schedule during which we have been unable to contact you by regular mail, we may classify your account as inactive or dormant. Unless prohibited by applicable law, we may charge a service fee set forth on the Fee Schedule for processing your inactive account. If we impose a fee, we will notify you, as required by law, at your last known address. You authorize us to transfer funds from another account of yours to cover any service fees, if applicable. To the extent allowed by law, we reserve the right to transfer the account funds to an account payable and to suspend any further account statements. Under Maryland law your account will be considered inactive if within the past three (3) years you have not: (1) deposited to or withdrawn from your account; (2) presented a passbook or other similar evidence of your account for crediting of interest or dividends; (3) written to us about your account or otherwise expressed an interest in your account as evidenced by a memorandum in our files; (4) engaged in any credit or deposit transactions with us. We will notify you at your last known address when your account becomes inactive. If you fail to respond to this notice within thirty (30) days, state law requires us to send all funds to your account to the state of Maryland as abandoned property.

**22. Termination of Account.** We may terminate your account at any time without notice to you or may require you to close your account and apply for a new account if: (1) there is a change in owners or authorized signers; (2) there has been a forgery or fraud reported or committed involving your account; (3) there is a dispute as to the ownership of the account or of the funds in the account; (4) any share drafts are lost or stolen; (5) there are excessive returned unpaid items not covered by an overdraft protection plan; (6) there has been any misrepresentation or any other abuse of any of your accounts; or (7) we reasonably deem it necessary to prevent a loss to us. You may terminate a single party account by giving written notice. We reserve the right to require the consent of all owners to terminate a multiple party account. We are not responsible for payment of any draft, withdrawal, or other item after your account is terminated, however, if we pay an item after termination, you agree to reimburse us.

**23. Termination of Membership.** You may terminate your membership by giving us notice. You may be denied services or expelled for any reason allowed by applicable law, including causing a loss to the Credit Union.

**24. Death of Account Owner/Member.** We may continue to honor all transfer orders, withdrawals, deposits and other transactions on an account until we are notified of a member's death. Once we are notified of a member's death, we may pay drafts or honor other payments or transfer orders authorized by the deceased member for a period of ten (10) days after that date unless we receive instructions from any person claiming an interest in the account to stop payment on the drafts or other items. We may require anyone claiming a deceased owner's account funds to indemnify us for any losses resulting from our honoring that claim. This Agreement will be binding upon any heirs or legal representatives of any account owner.

**25. Severability.** If a court holds any portion of this Agreement to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be invalid or unenforceable and will continue in full force and effect. All headings are intended for reference only and are not to be construed as part of the Agreement.

**26. Enforcement.** You are liable to us for any loss, cost or expense we incur resulting from your failure to follow this Agreement. You authorize us to deduct any such loss, costs or expenses from your account without prior notice to you. If we bring a legal action to collect any amount due under or to enforce this Agreement, we shall be entitled, subject to applicable law, to payment of reasonable attorney's fees and costs, including fees on any appeal, bankruptcy proceedings, and any post-judgment collection actions.

**27. Governing Law.** This Agreement is governed by the Credit Union's Bylaws, federal laws and regulations, the laws, including applicable principles of contract law, and regulations of the state in which the Credit Union's main office is located, and local clearinghouse rules, as amended from time to time. As permitted by applicable law, you agree that any legal action regarding this Agreement shall be brought in the county and/or city in which the Credit Union is located.