

**ACCOUNT AGREEMENT  
NOW ACCOUNT**

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**DEFINITIONS.** Throughout this Agreement, the terms "you," "your," and "account owner" refer to the Customer whether or not there are one or more Customers named on the account, and the terms "we," "our," and "us" refer to the Bank, Georgia Banking Company. The acronym "NOW" means Negotiable Order of Withdrawal.

**GENERAL AGREEMENT.** You understand that the following Account Agreement ("Agreement") governs your NOW account with us, along with any other documents applicable to your account, including all account opening disclosures that have been provided to you, which are incorporated by reference. You understand that your account is also governed by applicable law.

The account opening disclosures include a schedule of fees and charges applicable to the account, the interest rate(s) and applicable Annual Percentage Yield, compounding and crediting of interest, minimum balance requirements, and other pertinent information related to the account. The information found in the account opening disclosures may change from time to time in our sole discretion. If the fees, charges, minimum balance requirements, or other items change in a manner that would adversely affect you, we will provide you with written notice 30 days prior to the change. By providing a written or electronic signature on the Account Information document or other agreement to open your account, or by using any of our deposit account services, you and any identified account owners agree to the terms contained in this Account Agreement.

**YOUR CHOICE OF ACCOUNT.** You have instructed us as to the title and type of the account that you have chosen. You acknowledge that it is your sole responsibility to determine the full legal effect of opening and maintaining the type of account you have chosen. We have not set forth all laws that may impact your chosen account. For example, there are conditions that may need to be satisfied before transferring accounts due to death or other events as well as reductions to an account required or permitted by law. You must determine whether the account you select is appropriate for your current and future needs. Except as required by law, we assume no legal responsibility to inform you as to the effect of your account choice on your legal interests.

**INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNT.** The named party in an individual account owns the account and may withdraw all or some of the account. On the death of the party, ownership passes as part of the party's estate.

**TRANSFERS AND ASSIGNMENTS.** We may assign or transfer any or all of our interest in this account. You cannot assign or transfer any interest in your account unless we agree in writing.

**AUTHORIZED SIGNER (AGENT) DESIGNATION.** The agent named on your Account Information form may make account transactions for you but has no ownership or rights at death. If you have designated that the agent shall continue to have power after your disability or incapacity, the agent's authority survives your disability or incapacity. The agent may act for a disabled or incapacitated party until the authority of the agent is terminated. If you have noted that the agent shall not have power after your disability or incapacity, the agent's authority terminates upon your disability or incapacity. If you failed to specify whether or not the agent's authority survives or instead terminates upon your disability or incapacity, the authority will be presumed to survive your disability or incapacity. Death of the sole party or last surviving party terminates the authority of the agent. We may continue to rely on the agency designation to the extent permitted by law, until we have proper notice of an event of termination and have had a reasonable period of time to act upon it.

**POWER OF ATTORNEY.** If you wish to name another person to act as your attorney in fact or agent in connection with your account, we must approve the form of appointment.

**RESTRICTIVE LEGENDS.** We are not required to honor any restrictive legend on checks you write unless we have agreed to the restriction in a writing signed by an officer of the Bank. Examples of restrictive legends are "two signatures required", "must be presented within 90 days" or "not valid for more than \$1,000.00."

**STALE OR POSTDATED CHECKS.** We reserve the right to pay or dishonor a check more than six (6) months old without prior notice to you. You agree not to postdate any check drawn on the account. If you do, and the check is presented for payment before the date of the check, we may pay it or return it unpaid. We are not liable for paying any stale or postdated check. Any damages you incur that we may be liable for are limited to actual damages not to exceed the amount of the check.

**PREAUTHORIZED CHECKS OR DRAFTS.** You should guard information about your account (such as your routing number and your account number) as carefully as you would guard blank checks. If you voluntarily give such information about your account to a party which is seeking to sell you goods or services, without physically delivering a check to that party, any debit to or withdrawal from your account it initiates will be deemed authorized by you.

**VERIFYING FUNDS AVAILABILITY FOR CHECKS.** You authorize us to release funds availability information about your account to individuals or merchants who represent to us that they have received a check from you.

**CHECK SAFEKEEPING.** If you utilize a check safekeeping system or any other system offered by us for the retention of your checks, you understand that the canceled checks will be retained by us and destroyed after a reasonable time period or as required by law. Any request for a copy of any check may be subject to a fee, as indicated in the Schedule of Fees or Disclosures and as allowed by law. If for any reason we cannot provide you with a copy of a check, our liability will be limited to the lesser of the face amount of the check or the actual damages sustained by you.

**SUBSTITUTE CHECKS.** To make check processing faster, federal law permits financial institutions to replace original checks with "substitute checks." These substitute checks are similar in size to the original items with a slightly reduced image of the front and back of the original item.

The front of a substitute check states: "This is a legal copy of your check. You can use it the same way you would use the original check." You may use a substitute check as proof of payment just like the original item. Some or all of the items that you receive back from us may be substitute checks.

**WITHDRAWALS.** Deposits will be available for withdrawal consistent with the terms of the Disclosures. Withdrawals may be subject to a service charge.

**DEPOSITS.** Deposits may be made in person, by mail, or in another form and manner as agreed by us in our sole discretion. We are not responsible for transactions mailed until we actually receive and record them. We may in our sole discretion refuse to accept particular instruments as a deposit to your account. Cash deposits are credited to your account according to this Agreement. Other items you deposit are handled by us according to our usual collection practices. If an item you deposit is returned unpaid, we will debit your account for the item and adjust any interest earned. You are liable to us for the amount of any check you deposit to your account that is returned unpaid and all costs and expenses related to the collection of all or part of such amount from you. Funds deposited to your account, excluding any Time Deposit accounts, are available in accordance with the Disclosures.

**COLLECTION OF DEPOSITED ITEMS.** In receiving items for deposit or collection, we act only as your agent and assume no responsibility beyond the exercise of ordinary care. All items are credited subject to final settlement in cash or credits. We shall have the right to forward items to correspondents including all Federal Reserve Banks, and we shall not be liable for default or neglect of said correspondents for loss in transit, nor shall any correspondent be liable except for its own negligence. You specifically authorize us or our correspondents to utilize Federal Reserve Banks to handle such items in accordance with provisions of Regulation J (12 CFR Part 210), as revised or amended from time to time by the Federal Reserve Board. In the event we are subject to local clearinghouse rules, you specifically authorize us to handle such items in accordance with the rules and regulations of the clearinghouse.

If we permit you to withdraw funds from your account before final settlement has been made for any deposited item, and final settlement is not made, we have the right to charge your account or obtain a refund from you. In addition, we may charge back any deposited item at any time before final settlement for whatever reason. We shall not be liable for any damages resulting from the exercise of these rights. Except as may be attributable to our lack of good faith or failure to exercise ordinary care, we will not be liable for dishonor resulting from any reversal of credit, return of deposited items or for any damages resulting from any of those actions.

**STATEMENTS.** We will provide you with a periodic statement showing the account activity. The last address you supply us in writing will be deemed the proper address for mailing this statement to you. The account holder who receives this statement is the agent for his/her co-account holder(s) for purposes of receiving the statement and items. You must exercise reasonable care in reviewing your statement and reasonable promptness in notifying us of any discrepancies, such as alterations or forged or unauthorized signatures, even if by the same wrongdoer. Reasonable promptness will not exist if you fail to notify us within 30 days after we mail or otherwise make the statement available to you. If you fail to notify us of any discrepancies, with reasonable promptness, your right to assert such discrepancies will be barred or limited to the extent permitted by law. Additionally, you agree that we will not be liable for your forged or unauthorized signature or alteration on the face of the item reported to us after 60 days after we mail or otherwise make the statement or items available to you, and for any unauthorized indorsement or alteration on the back of the item reported to us after one year after we mail or otherwise make the statement or items available to you, even if we failed to exercise ordinary care. However, if the discrepancy is the result of an electronic fund transfer, the provisions of the Disclosures will control its resolution. If you do not receive a statement from us because you have failed to claim it or have supplied us with an incorrect address, we may stop sending your statements until you specifically make written request that we resume sending your statements and you supply us with a proper address.

**ACH AND WIRE TRANSFERS.** This Agreement is subject to Article 4A of the Uniform Commercial Code - Funds Transfers as adopted in the state of Georgia. If you send or receive a wire transfer, you agree that Fedwire® Funds Service may be used. Federal Reserve Board Regulation J is the law that covers transactions made over Fedwire® Funds Service. When you originate a funds transfer for which Fedwire® Funds Service is used, and you identify by name and number a beneficiary financial institution, an intermediary financial institution or a beneficiary, we and every receiving or beneficiary 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.

If you are a party to an Automated Clearing House ("ACH") entry, you agree that we may transmit an entry through the ACH, and you agree to be bound by the National Automated Clearing House Association ("NACHA") Operating Rules and Guidelines, the rules of any local ACH, and the rules of any other systems through which the entry is made.

**PROVISIONAL PAYMENT.** Credit we give you is provisional until we receive final settlement for that entry. If we do not receive final settlement, you agree that we are entitled to a refund of the amount credited to you in connection with the entry, and the party making payment to you via such entry (i.e., the originator of the entry) shall not be deemed to have paid you in the amount of such entry.

**INTERNATIONAL ACH TRANSACTIONS.** If your transaction originates from a financial agency that is outside of the territorial jurisdiction of the United States, it may be subject to additional review for compliance with the rules of the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). If additional review is required, the International ACH transaction will not be available to you until it passes final verification.

**NOTICE OF RECEIPT.** We will not provide you with notice of our receipt of the order, unless we are so requested by the transfer originator in the order. However, we will continue to notify you of the receipt of payments in the periodic statements we provide to you.

**CHOICE OF LAW.** We may accept on your behalf payments to your account which have been transmitted, that are not subject to the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, and your rights and obligations with respect to such payments shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the state where we are located.

**YOUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR BACK OF CHECK.** All negotiable paper ("checks") presented for deposit must be in a format that can be processed and we may refuse to accept any check that does not meet this requirement. All endorsements on the reverse side of any check

deposited into your account must be placed on the left side of the check when looking at it from the front, and the endorsements must be placed so as not to go beyond an area located 1-½ inches from the left edge of the check when looking at it from the front. It is your responsibility to ensure that these requirements are met and you are responsible for any loss incurred by us for failure of an endorsement to meet this requirement.

**STOP PAYMENTS.** You may stop payment on a check drawn against your account by a record or written order or other confirmation as allowed by us, provided that we receive the Stop Payment Order in a time and manner that gives us a reasonable opportunity to act on it. The Stop Payment Order must describe the item or account with reasonable certainty. Oral requests for a Stop Payment Order are binding on us for 14 calendar days only, and must be confirmed by you in a record or writing within that period. If the record or written confirmation is not received as specified, we will no longer be bound by your request. Upon receipt of confirmation in a record or writing, a Stop Payment Order remains in effect for six months or until we receive a record or writing revoking the Stop Payment Order, whichever occurs first. If the item on which a Stop Payment Order has been placed has not cleared or been returned to you by the payee, you may renew the Stop Payment Order for an additional six months by providing a request to us in a record or writing within the time period the Stop Payment Order is in effect. A Stop Payment Order on an EFT debit will remain in effect until the earlier of 1) your withdrawal of the Stop Payment Order, or 2) the return of the debit entry, or, where a Stop Payment Order is applied to more than one debit entry under a specific authorization involving a specific payee (Originator), the return of all such debits. When a stop is placed on a multiple debit entry transfer, we may require your confirmation in a record or writing stating that you have canceled your authorization for the transfer with the payee (a Stop Payment Order does not revoke authorization). You will be charged a fee every time you request a Stop Payment Order, and for each Stop Payment Order renewal you make. You understand that we may accept the Stop Payment Order request from any of the authorized signers of the account regardless of who signed the check. A release of the Stop Payment Order may be made only by the person who initiated the stop payment request. Our acceptance of a stop payment request does not constitute a representation by us that the item has not already been paid or that we have had a reasonable opportunity to act on the request.

A Stop Payment Order may be placed on either a one-time transfer or on a multiple debit entry transfer. If you request a stop payment on a multiple debit entry transfer, we must receive the Stop Payment Order, orally or in a record or writing, at least three business days before a scheduled multiple debit entry. If the Stop Payment Order is requested for an Electronic Check Conversion or other one-time transfer, we must receive the request, orally or in a record or writing, in a period of time that provides us a reasonable opportunity to act on it prior to acting on the debit entry, otherwise this Stop Payment Order shall be of no effect. Oral stop payment orders are binding on us for 14 calendar days only, and must be confirmed by you in a record or writing within that period.

The Stop Payment Order shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code 4A in effect in the state in which we are located, the Electronic Fund Transfer Act (Regulation E), *NACHA Operating Rules*, and any applicable state law.

We have a daily cutoff time by which we must receive any knowledge, notice, Stop Payment Order, set-off or legal process affecting our right or duty to pay a check. That cutoff time is one hour after the opening of your branch's banking day, following the banking day on which your branch received the check.

**DEATH OR INCOMPETENCY.** Neither your death nor a legal adjudication of incompetence revokes our authority to accept, pay, or collect items until we know of the fact of death or of an adjudication of incompetence and have a reasonable opportunity to act on it. To the extent permitted by law, even with knowledge, we may for 10 days after the date of death, pay checks drawn on or before the date of death unless ordered to stop payment by a person claiming an interest in the account.

**NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS.** If your account lacks sufficient available funds to pay a check, preauthorized transfer or other debit activity presented for payment, we may return such item for non-sufficient funds and may charge you a fee as provided in the fee schedule, subject to our Overdraft policy, and if applicable, to any overdraft protection plan you have consented to in writing with us. Regardless, our handling of the item may subject your account to a fee. We will process checks and other debit items in the order identified in your Truth In Savings Disclosure.

**SIGNATURES.** Your signature on the Account Information document is your authorized signature. 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 regardless of by whom or by what means (including facsimile signature(s)) your signature may have been affixed so long as the signature resembles the signature specimen in our files. For withdrawal and other purposes relating to any account you have with us, we are authorized to recognize your signature; and we will not be liable to you for refusing to honor signed instruments or instructions if we believe in good faith that one or more of the signatures appearing on the instrument or instructions is not genuine.

If your items are signed using any facsimile signature or non-manual form of signature, you acknowledge that it is solely for your benefit and convenience. You agree that no facsimile signature you have authorized us to honor may be considered a forgery or an unauthorized signature, and that every authorized facsimile signature shall be effective as the signatory's own original, manual signature. You accept sole responsibility for maintaining security over any device affixing the signature as such signature will be effective regardless of whether the person affixing it was authorized to do so. Your authorization notwithstanding, we are not obligated to accept or pay any items bearing facsimile signatures.

Further, most checks, and other items are processed automatically, i.e., without individual review of each item. Therefore, unless we agree in a separate writing, in our sole discretion, upon your request and due to unique circumstances to conduct individual review of each item, you agree that we are acting within common and reasonable banking practices by automatically processing checks, and other items, i.e., without individual review of each check, or item. You agree to indemnify, defend, and hold us harmless from and against all loss, costs, damage, liability, and other injury (including reasonable attorney fees) that you or we may suffer or incur as a result of this practice.

**PAYMENT OF INTEREST.** Interest will be calculated and paid in accordance with the Disclosures provided to you at the time you opened the account.

**FEES, SERVICE CHARGES AND BALANCE REQUIREMENTS.** You agree to pay us and are responsible for any fees, charges or balance/deposit requirements as provided in the Disclosures provided to you at the time you opened the account. Fees, charges and balance

requirements may change from time to time. We also reserve the right to impose a service charge for cashing checks drawn on your account if the person cashing the check is not a customer of this Bank.

**WITHDRAWAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.** We have the right to require seven days prior written notice from you of your intent to withdraw any funds from your account.

**SET-OFFS AND SECURITY INTEREST.** If you ever owe us money as a borrower, guarantor or otherwise, and it becomes due, we have the right under the law (called "set-off") and under this Agreement (by which you grant us a security interest in your deposit account and any other accounts held by you) to use your account funds to pay the debt, where permitted by law. If your account is held jointly, that is, if there is more than one account owner, we may offset funds for the debt of any one of the joint owners. Similarly, we may also set-off funds from the individual accounts of any one of the joint owners to satisfy obligations or debts in the joint account. The security interest granted by this Agreement is consensual and is in addition to our right of set-off.

**CLAIMS.** In response to any garnishment, attachment, restraining order, injunction, levy, citation to discover assets, judgment, reclamation, other order of court or other legal process ("Claim(s)"), we have the right to place a hold on, remove from your account(s) and/or remit to the designated third-party(ies) any amount on deposit in your account(s) as set forth in and required by such Claim(s). If the account(s) is/are held jointly, we may place the hold, remove from the account(s) and/or remit the amounts from the account(s) arising from any Claim(s) relating to any one or more of the account holders. In addition, we may charge against your account(s) any fee authorized by law in connection with the Claim(s) or as otherwise set forth in the Disclosures.

**DORMANT ACCOUNTS.** You understand that if your account is dormant, we may charge fees specified in the Disclosures and cease any interest payments to the extent permitted by the law. You agree that we are relieved of all responsibility if your account balance is escheated (that is, turned over to the state) in accordance with state law.

**ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES.** You agree to be liable to us for any loss, costs or expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees to the extent permitted by law, that we incur as a result of any dispute involving your account, and you authorize us to deduct any such loss, costs or expense from your account without prior notice to you. This obligation includes disputes between yourself and us involving the account and situations where we become involved in disputes between you and an authorized signer, another joint owner, or a third party claiming an interest in the account. It also includes situations where you, an authorized signer, another joint owner, or a third party takes action with respect to the account that causes us, in good faith, to seek the advice of counsel, whether or not we actually become involved in a dispute.

**LEGAL PROCESS AGAINST ACCOUNT.** You agree to be responsible for, to reimburse us, and/or have your account charged for any expenses or reasonable attorney fees we incur due to an attachment, garnishment, levy or subpoena of records of your account. Any garnishment or other levy against your account is subject to our right of set-off and security interest. We may restrict the use of your account if it is involved in any legal proceeding.

**CLOSING ACCOUNT.** We may close the account at any time, with or without cause, after sending you notice as required by the law. At our discretion, we have the authority to pay an otherwise properly payable check, which is presented after the closing of your account. Such a termination will not release you from any fees or other obligations incurred before the termination. We will send a check for the balance in our possession to which you are entitled.

**OUR WAIVER OF RIGHTS.** You understand and agree that no delay or failure on our part to exercise any right, remedy, power or privilege available to us under this Agreement shall affect or preclude our future exercise of that right, remedy, power or privilege.

**YOUR WAIVER OF NOTICE.** By signing the signature card/Account Information form, you waive any notice of non-payment, dishonor or protest regarding any items credited to or charged against your deposit account. For example, if a check that you deposited is dishonored and returned to us, we are not required to notify you of the dishonor.

**NOTICE.** You are responsible for notifying us of any address or name changes, death of an account holder, or other information affecting your account. Notices must be in a form and manner acceptable to us with enough information to allow us to identify the account. Notice sent by you to us is not effective until we have received it and have had a reasonable opportunity to act upon it. Written notice sent by us to you is effective when mailed to the last address supplied.

**AMENDMENTS AND ALTERATIONS.** You agree that the terms and conditions governing your account may be amended by us from time to time. We will notify you of amendments as required by applicable law. Your continued use of the account evidences your agreement to any amendments. Notices will be sent to the most recent address shown on the account records. Only one notice will be given in the case of joint account holders.

**EFFECTIVE APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.** You understand that this Agreement is governed by the laws of Georgia, except to the extent that federal law is controlling. Changes in these laws and regulations may modify the terms and conditions of your account(s). We do not have to notify you of these changes, unless required to do so by law. If any of the terms of this Agreement come into conflict with the applicable law and are declared to be invalid or unenforceable, those terms will be nullified to the extent that they are inconsistent with the law and the applicable law will govern. However, this shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

## **NOTICE OF POTENTIAL DISCLOSURE OF NEGATIVE INFORMATION TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES**

This notice is being furnished pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681) as amended by the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 (FACT Act).

### **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.**