

### **Important Notice Regarding Changes to Your Account**

Thank you for your continued loyalty to Community Credit Union of Florida. As your financial services provider, we are always mindful that it is our duty to protect our members' resources, and to continue to offer first-class services and products. Additionally, we continue to be focused on regulatory and legal changes impacting the Credit Union and its valued members. With a focus on tomorrow, we are modifying certain terms and conditions impacting your account and services.

The following "Mandatory Arbitration and Class Action Waiver" provision will amend the "Membership and Account Agreement", which governs your accounts and services with the Credit Union. You can opt out of the amended "Mandatory Arbitration and Class Action Waiver" provision as provided below and you will not lose any of the rights and benefits of your accounts.

### MANDATORY ARBITRATION AND CLASS ACTION WAIVER.

Binding Arbitration of Claims and Disputes
RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES BY ARBITRATION: THIS SECTION
CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR
ACCOUNTS AND ALL RELATED SERVICES. IT PROVIDES THAT
EITHER YOU OR WE CAN REQUIRE THAT ANY DISPUTES BE
RESOLVED BY BINDING ARBITRATION. ARBITRATION
REPLACES THE RIGHT TO GO TO COURT, INCLUDING THE
RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL AND THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN
A CLASS ACTION OR SIMILAR PROCEEDING. IN ARBITRATION,
THE DISPUTE IS SUBMITTED TO A NEUTRAL PARTY, AN
ARBITRATOR, INSTEAD OF A JUDGE OR JURY. ARBITRATION
PROCEDURES MAY BE MORE LIMITED THAN RULES
APPLICABLE IN COURT.

# Agreement to Arbitrate Disputes.

Either You or We may elect, without the other's consent, to require that any dispute between Us concerning Your Accounts or the services related to Your accounts be resolved by binding arbitration, except for those disputes specifically excluded below.

No Class Action or Joinder of Parties.

YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU AND WE AGREE THAT NO CLASS ACTION, CLASS-WIDE ARBITRATION, PRIVATE ATTORNEY GENERAL ACTION, OR OTHER PROCEEDING WHERE SOMEONE ACTS IN A REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY, MAY BE PURSUED IN ANY ARBITRATION OR IN ANY COURT PROCEEDING, REGARDLESS OF WHEN THE CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION AROSE OR ACCRUED, OR WHEN THE ALLEGATIONS OR FACTS UNDERLYING THE CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION OCCURRED. Unless mutually agreed to by You and Us, claims of two or more persons may not be joined, consolidated, or otherwise brought together in the same arbitration (unless those persons are joint account holders or beneficiaries on Your account and/or related accounts, or parties to a single transaction or related transaction), whether or not the claim may have been assigned.

# Disputes Covered by Arbitration.

YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IN ARBITRATION, THERE WILL BE NO RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL. Any claim or dispute relating to or arising out of Your Accounts or the services related to Your Accounts or Our relationship will be subject to arbitration, regardless of whether that dispute or the facts underlying or giving rise to that dispute arose before or after Your receipt of this notice. Disputes include claims made as part of a class action, private attorney general, or other representative action, it being expressly understood and agreed to that the arbitration of such claims must proceed on an individual

(non-class, non-representative) basis, and the arbitrator may award relief only on an individual (non-class, non-representative) basis. Disputes also include claims relating to this arbitration provision's enforceability, validity, scope, or interpretation. Any questions about whether disputes are subject to arbitration shall be resolved by interpreting this arbitration provision in the broadest way the law will allow it to be enforced.

All disputes are subject to arbitration, no matter what legal theory they are based on or what remedy (damages, or injunctive or declaratory relief) they seek. Disputes include any unresolved claims concerning any services relating to Your Accounts. Disputes include not only claims made directly by You but also made by anyone connected with You or claiming through You, such as a joint account holder, account beneficiary, employee, representative, agent, predecessor or successor, heir, assignee, or trustee in bankruptcy. Disputes include not only claims that relate directly to the Credit Union, but also its parent, affiliates, successors, assignees, employees, and agents, and claims for which We may be directly or indirectly liable, even if We are not correctly named at the time the claim is made. Disputes include claims based on any theory of law, contract, statute, regulation, tort (including fraud or any intentional tort), or any other legal or equitable grounds and include claims asserted as counterclaims, cross-claims, third-party claims, interpleaders, or otherwise; and claims made independently or with other claims. If a party initiates a proceeding in court regarding a claim or dispute that is included under this arbitration provision, the other party may elect to proceed in arbitration pursuant to this arbitration provision.

Disputes Excluded from Arbitration.

Disputes wherein enforcement of an arbitration and/or class waiver provision is prohibited by applicable law. Disputes filed by You or by Us individually in a small claims court are not subject to arbitration so long as the disputes remain in such court and advance only an individual (non-class, non-representative) claim for relief. However, if a matter in small claims court is removed, transferred, or appealed to a non-small claims court, that claim shall be subject to this arbitration provision. Claims and defenses raised as counterclaims will be subject to arbitration.

Procedures Prior to Filing a Claim in Arbitration

Prior to either party filing a claim in arbitration, they shall first make a written demand upon the other party setting forth their claim. The parties shall then attempt to resolve the dispute in good faith for a minimum of 60 days before any claim may be filed in arbitration. During this period, both parties agree to toll any applicable statute of limitations.

Commencing an Arbitration.

The arbitration must be either conducted by a neutral arbitrator selected by agreement of the parties or filed with the following neutral arbitration forum and follow its rules and procedures for initiating and pursuing an arbitration:

JAMS

1-800-352-5267 (toll-free)

www.jamsadr.com

If We initiate the arbitration, We will notify You in writing at Your last known address on file. You may obtain a copy of the arbitration rules and additional information about initiating an arbitration by contacting JAMS.

If You initiate the arbitration, You must notify Us in writing at: Community Credit Union of Florida 1030 US Highway 1 Rockledge, FL 32955

The arbitration shall be conducted in the same city as the U.S. District Court closest to Your home address unless the parties agree to a different location in writing.

Administration of Arbitration.

The arbitration shall be decided by a single, neutral arbitrator. The arbitrator will be either a lawyer with at least ten years' experience or a retired or former judge selected in accordance with the rules of the arbitration forum. The arbitration will be conducted in accordance with the JAMS Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures in effect on the

date the arbitration is filed or such other rules as to which the parties may agree. If there is a conflict between a particular provision of the JAMS Rules and this arbitration provision and/or this agreement, this arbitration provision and this agreement will control. If JAMS is unable or unwilling to handle the claim for any reason, then the matter shall be arbitrated by a neutral arbitrator selected by agreement of the parties (or, if the parties cannot agree, selected by a court in accordance with the Federal Arbitration Act). The neutral arbitrator selected by the parties or the court shall apply the Federal Rules of Evidence and the Federal Rules of Procedure concerning discovery, except that the above class action waiver is specifically enforceable notwithstanding any Federal Rule of Procedure to the contrary.

You understand and agree that the applicable rules and procedures in arbitration may limit the discovery available to You or Us. The arbitrator must take reasonable steps to protect customer account information and other confidential information if requested to do so by You or by Us. The arbitrator shall decide the dispute in accordance with applicable substantive law consistent with the Federal Arbitration Act and applicable statutes of limitations, will honor claims of privilege recognized at law, and will be empowered to award any damages or other relief provided for under applicable law. The arbitrator will not have the power to award relief to, or against, any person who is not a party to the arbitration. An award in arbitration shall determine the rights and obligations between the named parties only, and only in respect of the claims in arbitration, and shall not have any bearing on the rights and obligations of any other person, or on the resolution of any other dispute. You or We may choose to have a hearing and be represented by counsel. The decision rendered by the arbitrator shall be in writing. At Your or Our request, the arbitrator shall issue a written, reasoned decision following applicable law, and relief granted must be relief that could be granted by a court under applicable law. Judgment on the arbitration award may be entered by any court of competent jurisdiction.

#### Costs.

The party initiating the arbitration shall pay the initial filing fee. If You file the arbitration and an award is rendered in Your favor, We will reimburse You for Your filing fee. If there is a hearing, We will pay the fees and costs of the arbitration for the first day of that hearing. All other fees and costs will be allocated in accordance with the rules of the arbitration forum. However, We will advance or reimburse filing and other fees if the arbitrator rules that You cannot afford to pay them or finds other good cause for requiring Us to do so, or if You ask Us in writing and We determine there is good reason for doing so. Each party shall bear the expense of their respective attorneys, experts, witnesses, and other expenses, regardless of who prevails, but a party may recover any or all costs and expenses from another party if the arbitrator, applying applicable law, so determines.

### Right to Resort to Provisional Remedies Preserved.

Nothing herein shall be deemed to limit or constrain Our right to resort to self-help remedies, such as the right of set-off or the right to restrain funds in an account, to interplead funds in the event of a dispute, to exercise any security interest or lien We may hold in property, or to comply with legal process, or to obtain provisional remedies such as injunctive relief, attachment, or garnishment by a court having appropriate jurisdiction; provided, however, that You or We may elect to arbitrate any dispute related to such provisional remedies.

# Arbitration Award.

The arbitrator's award shall be final and binding unless a party appeals it in writing to the arbitration forum within fifteen days of notice of the award or pursuant to the rules of the arbitration forum, whichever is later. The appeal must request a new arbitration before a panel of three neutral arbitrators selected in accordance with the rules of the same arbitration forum. The panel will consider all factual and legal issues anew, follow the same rules that apply to a proceeding using a single arbitrator, and make decisions based on the vote of the majority. Costs will be allocated in the same manner as allocated before a single arbitrator. An award by a panel is final and binding on the parties after fifteen days of notice of the award or pursuant to the rules of the arbitration forum, whichever is later. A final and binding award is subject to judicial intervention or review only to the extent allowed under the Federal Arbitration Act or other applicable law. A party may seek to have a final and binding award entered as a judgment in any court having jurisdiction.

### Governing Law.

You and We agree that Our relationship includes transactions involving interstate commerce and that this arbitration provision is governed by, and enforceable under, the Federal Arbitration Act. To the extent state law is applicable, the laws of the State of Florida shall apply.

# Severability, Survival.

This arbitration provision shall survive (a) termination or changes to Your accounts or any related services; (b) the bankruptcy of any party; and (c) the transfer or assignment of Your Accounts or any related services. If any portion of this arbitration provision is deemed invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this arbitration provision shall remain in force. No portion of this arbitration provision may be amended, severed, or waived absent a written agreement between You and Us.

This "Mandatory Arbitration and Class Action Waiver" provision shall become effective upon the 31st day after it was placed in the mail to you (the "Effective Date"), unless you opt-out, as provided below, within the 30-day period.

You have the right to opt-out of this "Mandatory Arbitration and Class Action Waiver" provision and doing so will not affect any other terms and conditions of your relationship with us. To opt-out, you must notify us in writing of your intent to opt-out before the Effective Date. Your opt-out will not be effective and you will be deemed to have consented and agreed to this "Mandatory Arbitration and Class Action Waiver" provision unless your notice of intent to opt-out is received by us in writing at Community Credit Union of Florida, 1030 US Highway 1, Rockledge, Florida 32955.