

## OVERDRAFT PRIVILEGE SERVICE POLICY

**Highpoint Community Bank** ("we, us or our") offers the Overdraft Privilege Service. If your account qualifies for Overdraft Privilege, we will consider, without obligation on our part, paying items for which your account has insufficient or unavailable funds, instead of automatically returning those items unpaid. This document explains how Overdraft Privilege operates.

## Transactions that May Qualify for Overdraft Privilege

An overdraft occurs when you do not have enough money in your account to cover a transaction. Although there are many reasons why your account might become overdrawn, most overdrafts result from the following:

- a. You write a check, swipe your debit card or initiate an electronic funds transfer in an amount that exceeds the amount of funds available in your account;
- b. You deposit a check or other item into your account and the item is returned unpaid, which causes a negative balance in your account once your balance is reduced by the amount of the returned check;
- c. You have inadequate funds in your account when we assess a fee or service charge; or
- d. You initiate a transaction before funds deposited into your account are "available" or "finally paid" according to our Funds Availability Policy. For example, if you deposit a check into your account, the proceeds of that check may not be available to you for up to five days after you deposit the check. If you do not have sufficient funds in your account—independent of the check—to cover the transaction, you will incur an overdraft.

The Overdraft Privilege Service applies to a variety of transactions, including checks and other transactions made using your checking account number, automatic bill payments, ATM transactions and everyday debit card transactions; however, we will not include ATM and everyday debit card transactions within our consumer Overdraft Privilege Service without first receiving your affirmative consent to do so. Absent your affirmative consent, ATM and everyday debit card transactions generally will not be paid under Overdraft Privilege.

Participation in Overdraft Privilege is not mandatory. You may opt-out of the service any time by notifying one of our customer service representatives. Furthermore, you may revoke your affirmative consent to have ATM and everyday debit card transactions considered for payment under Overdraft Privilege without removing other items from the service. Simply inform us of your preference.

As noted above, we retain full discretion to decline to pay any item under the Overdraft Privilege Program. This means we can refuse to pay any overdraft for any reason. Even if we decide to pay an overdraft item, absent an agreement to the contrary, such payment does not create any duty to pay future overdrafts. If we do not authorize and pay an overdraft, your transaction will be declined and we may assess NSF fees on your account in accordance with your account agreement and the fee schedule in effect at the time of the overdraft.

#### **Fees**

For each overdraft item, we will charge the standard <u>per item</u> Overdraft/NSF Fee set forth in our fee schedule (currently \$37.00). In addition, under our standard overdraft practices:

- For Consumer accounts only, there is a business day combined maximum of five (5) fees Overdraft/NSF Fees that we can assess your account.
- The Bank does not charge a checking account participating in the Overdraft Privilege Program an Overdraft/NSF Fee for transactions that overdraw an account by an aggregate amount of \$10.00 or less.

We will notify you by mail if we pay or return any insufficient or unavailable funds items on your account; however, we have no obligation to notify you before we pay or return any item. The amount of any overdrafts – including our fees – is due and payable immediately or on demand. Also, please note that if we return an item NSF it will likely be automatically re-presented to us by the financial institution where the item was presented for payment and potentially could result in an additional per item Overdraft/NSF Fee when re-presented if the amount of the item still exceeds the amount of available funds in your account. Other than specifically referenced above, there is no limit to the number of per item Overdraft/NSF Fees that can be charged on an individual item or to the frequency with which per item Overdraft/NSF Fees can be charged.

## **Accounts Eligible for Overdraft Privilege**

Overdraft Privilege is a discretionary service and is available with limits of \$100 at account opening with availability of \$500 overdraft (negative) balance for eligible personal checking accounts after 30 days; or limits \$100 at account opening with availability a \$100.00 overdraft (negative) balance for eligible business checking accounts after 30 days. Please note that <u>per item overdraft fees</u> count toward your Overdraft Privilege Limit. We may in our sole discretion limit the number of accounts eligible for Overdraft Privilege to one account per household or per taxpayer identification number. Further, Overdraft Privilege is usually extended only to accounts in good standing. An account in good standing exhibits, but is not limited to, the following characteristics:

- a. The account demonstrates consistent deposit activity;
- b. The account owner is current on all loan obligations with us; and
- c. The account is not subject to any legal or administrative order or levy, such as bankruptcy or tax lien.

We offer other overdraft protection services in addition to Overdraft Privilege. These include an overdraft line of credit and overdraft protection linked to another account of yours with us, such as a savings account. If you apply and are approved for these optional services, you may save money on the total fees you pay us for overdraft protection services.

Overdrafts should not be used to pay ordinary or routine expenses and you should not rely on overdrafts as a means to cover these expenses. If at any time you feel you need help with your financial obligations, please contact us at 866-422-2280 to discuss your options or speak with one of our customer service representatives at your local branch office.



## CONSENT FORM FOR OVERDRAFT SERVICES

#### What You Need to Know about Overdrafts and Overdraft Fees

An <u>overdraft</u> occurs when you do not have enough money in your account to cover a transaction, but we pay it anyway. We can cover your overdrafts in two different ways:

- 1. We have standard overdrafts practices that come with your account.
- 2. We also offer <u>overdraft protection plans</u>, such as a link to another account or line of credit, which may be less expensive than our standard practices. To learn more, ask us about these plans.

This notice explains our standard overdraft practices.

#### What are the standard overdraft practices that come with my account?

We do authorize and pay overdrafts for the following types of transactions:

- Checks, in-person withdrawals, ACH transactions, pre-authorized automatic transfers
- Automatic bill payments, internet banking transfers, telephone banking transactions
- Recurring debit card transactions

We do not authorize and pay overdrafts for the following types of transactions unless you ask us to (see below):

- ATM transactions
- Everyday debit card transactions

We pay overdrafts at our discretion, which means we do not guarantee that we will always authorize and pay any type of transaction.

If we do not authorize and pay an overdraft, your transaction will be declined.

#### What fees will I be charged if Highpoint Community Bank pays my overdraft?

Under our standard overdraft practices:

- For each overdraft item, we will charge the standard per item Overdraft/NSF Fee set forth in our fee schedule (currently \$37.00)
- There is no limit on the total fees we can charge you for overdrawing your account.
- For Consumer accounts only, There is a business day combined maximum of five (5) fees Overdraft/NSF Fees that we can assess your account.
- The Bank does not charge a checking account participating in the Overdraft Privilege Program an Overdraft/NSF Fee for transactions that overdraw an account by an aggregate amount of \$10.00 or less.

# What if I want Highpoint Community Bank to authorize and pay overdrafts on my ATM and everyday debit card transactions?

If you also want us to authorize and pay overdrafts on ATM and everyday debit card transactions, call 866-422-2280, or complete the form below and present it at a branch or mail it to: 150 W Court St, Hastings, MI 49058.

I want Highpoint Community Bank to authorize and pay overdrafts on my ATM and everyday debit card transactions.
Printed Name:
Date:
Account Number(s)