Addendum to Membership and Account Agreement.
Binding Arbitration and Class Action Waiver Agreement

RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES BY ARBITRATION: THIS AGREEMENT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS AND RELATED ELECTRONIC FINANCIAL SERVICES. IT PROVIDES THAT EITHER YOU OR WE CAN REQUIRE THAT CERTAIN 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 Deposit Accounts (share accounts) and the electronic financial services related to your Accounts be resolved by binding arbitration, except for those disputes specifically excluded below. This arbitration agreement is entered into pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 1 – 16 (the “FAA”).

Disputes Covered by Arbitration. Claims or disputes between you and us arising out of or relating to your Deposit Account(s), transactions involving your Deposit Account(s) and any related electronic financial service with us are subject to arbitration. Electronic financial services include online and mobile account access, bill pay, telephone access, and any other electronic service provided pursuant to our Electronic Funds Transfer Disclosures. Any claims or disputes arising from or relating to this agreement, any prior account agreement between us, any advertising, the application for, or the approval or establishment of your account are also included. 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. Claims are subject to arbitration, regardless of what theory they are based on or whether they seek legal or equitable remedies. Arbitration applies to any and all such claims or disputes, whether they arose in the past, may currently exist or may arise in the future. All such disputes are referred to in this section as “Claims”.

Disputes Not covered by Arbitration. The only exceptions to arbitration of Claims is that both you and we have the right to pursue a Claim in state court instead of arbitration for claims related to our collection of any negative balance or amounts you owe us under our Membership and Account Agreement, including but not limited to: fraud, counterfeit items and any unpaid account obligations. This exception applies if the Claim is in that court’s jurisdiction and proceeds on an individual basis.

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 you and we both agree, 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.

The Arbitration Proceeding. The arbitration must be filed with one of the following neutral arbitration forums and must follow its rules and procedures for initiating and pursuing an arbitration: American Arbitration Association or JAMS. If You initiate the arbitration, You must notify Us in writing at: HAPO Community Credit Union, 601 Williams Blvd., Richland, WA 99354 Attn: Risk Management

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 for these forums, as well as additional information about initiating an arbitration by contacting these arbitration forums:

01/01/2020
The arbitration shall be conducted in the same city as the U.S. District Court in Your state 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 arbitrator shall follow procedures and rules of the arbitration forum in effect on the date the arbitration is filed unless those rules and procedures are inconsistent with this arbitration provision, in which case this arbitration provision will prevail. Your or we may choose to have a hearing and be represented by counsel. 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, and 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 our federal statutory lien; our right of set-off; the right to restrain funds in an account; to interplead funds in the event of a dispute; to exercise any security interest we may hold in property; 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.

Severability, Survival. These arbitration provisions 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 Resolution of Disputes by Arbitration provision is deemed invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Resolution of Disputes by Arbitration provision shall remain in force. No portion of this Resolution of Disputes by Arbitration provision may be amended, severed, or waived absent a written agreement between You and Us.

Applicability. The requirement of arbitration will not apply to Your Account as long as You are an active duty Service Member. Otherwise, this Agreement to arbitrate will apply without limitation, regardless of whether 1) your account is closed; 2) you pay us in full any outstanding debt you owe; or 3) you file for bankruptcy.

Right to Reject this Resolution of Disputes by Arbitration. You have the right to opt out of this agreement to arbitrate if you tell us within 30 days of your initial Account opening or the receipt of this notice, whichever is later. To opt out, send us written notice including the following information: (i) Your written notice must include: your name, as listed on your account, your account number, and a statement that you reject the Resolution of Disputes by Arbitration provision, and (ii) You must send Your written notice to Us at the following address: HAPO Community Credit Union, 601 Williams Blvd., Richland, WA 99354 Attn: Risk Management.

Acceptance of Arbitration and Class Action Waiver. By your receipt of our Notice and a copy of this Binding Arbitration and Class Action Waiver Agreement, your decision not to reject this Agreement and as confirmed by your continued use of your Account, you and all account owners on your account agree to be bound by the above Resolution of Disputes by Arbitration provision for all of your Accounts and effective immediately your Accounts will be bound by this Resolution of Disputes by Arbitration provision.