Funds Availability Policy Disclosure

Purpose of this Disclosure. Our general policy is to allow you to withdraw funds deposited in a transaction account on the day of deposit. Funds from electronic direct deposits will be available on the day we receive the deposit. In some cases, we may delay your ability to withdraw funds beyond the day of deposit. Our complete policy is summarized below.

For purposes of this disclosure, the terms "you"/"your" refer to the customer and the terms "our"/"we"/"us" refer to Essex Bank.

Generally, transaction accounts are accounts which would permit an unlimited number of payments by check to third persons, and also an unlimited number of telephonic and preauthorized transfers to third persons or other accounts you may have with us.

Determining the Availability of Your Deposit. The length of the delay varies depending on the type of deposit and is explained below. When we delay your ability to withdraw funds from a deposit, you may not withdraw the funds in cash, and we will not pay checks you have written on your account by using these funds. Even after we have made funds available to you and you have withdrawn the funds, you are still responsible for checks you deposit that are returned to us unpaid and for any other problems involving your deposit.

When we delay your ability to withdraw funds, the length of the delay is counted in Business Days from the day of your deposit. The term "Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or federally declared legal holiday, and the term "Banking Day" means that part of any Business Day on which we are open to the public for carrying on substantially all of our banking functions.

If you make a deposit before the close of business on a Business Day that we are open, we will consider that day to be the day of your deposit. However, if you make a deposit after the close of business or on a day that we are not open, we will consider the deposit made on the next Business Day we are open.

Same Day Availability. Our policy is to make funds from cash, checks, and electronic direct deposits available to you on the same day that we receive your deposit. At that time, you can withdraw the funds in cash, and we will use the funds to pay checks that you have written.

Longer Delays May Apply. In some cases, we will not make all of the funds that you deposit by check available to you according to the previously stated availability schedule. Depending on the type of check that you deposit, funds may not be available until the second Business Day after the day of your deposit. The first $225.00 of your deposits, however, may be available on the first Business Day after the day of deposit.

If we are not going to make all of the funds from your deposit available to you according to the previously stated availability schedule, we will notify you at the time you make your deposit. We will also tell you when the funds will be available. If your deposit is not made directly to one of our employees, or if we decide to take this action after you have left the premises, we will mail you the notice by the day after we receive your deposit. If you will need the funds from a deposit right away, you should ask us when the funds will be available.

Funds you deposit by check may be delayed for a longer period under the following circumstances:

(a) if we believe a check you deposit will not be paid;
(b) if you deposit checks totaling more than $5,525 on any one day;
(c) if you redeposit a check that has been returned unpaid;
(d) if you have overdrawn your account repeatedly in the last six months; or
(e) if an emergency condition arises that would not enable us to make the funds available to you, such as the failure of computer or communications equipment.

We will notify you if we delay your ability to withdraw funds for any of these reasons, and we will tell you when the funds will be available. They will generally be available no later than the seventh Business Day after the day of your deposit. If you will need the funds from a deposit right away, you should ask us when the funds will be available.

Holds on Other Funds for Check Cashing. If we cash a check for you that is drawn on another financial institution, we may withhold the availability of a corresponding amount of funds that are already in your account. Those funds will be available at the time funds from the check we cashed would have been available if you had deposited it.

Holds on Other Funds in Another Account. If we accept for deposit a check that is drawn on another financial institution, we may make funds from the deposit available for withdrawal immediately but delay your availability to withdraw a corresponding amount of funds that you have on deposit in another account with us. The funds in the other account would then not be available for withdrawal until the time periods that are described elsewhere in this disclosure for the type of check that you deposited.

Foreign Checks. Checks drawn on financial institutions outside of the U.S. (foreign checks) cannot be processed the same as checks drawn on U.S. financial institutions. Foreign checks are exempt from the policies outlined in this disclosure. Generally, the availability of funds from deposits of foreign checks will be delayed for the time it takes us to collect the funds from the financial institutions upon which they are drawn.

Additional Deposit Information.

Special Rules for New Accounts. If you are a new customer, the following special rules may apply during the first 30 days your account is open.

Same Day Availability. Funds from electronic direct deposits, cash (if made in person to an employee of Essex Bank*) and wire transfers made to your account will be available on the day we receive the deposit. In addition, the first $5,525 of a day's total deposits of
- U.S. Treasury checks (if payable to you and deposited into your account)
- U.S. Postal Service money orders (if payable to you and deposited into your account, and the deposit is made in person to an employee of Essex Bank*)
- Federal Reserve Bank or Federal Home Loan Bank checks (if payable to you and deposited into your account, and the deposit is made in person to an employee of Essex Bank*)
- State or Local Government checks (if payable to you and deposited into your account, and the deposit is made in person to an employee of Essex Bank*)
Cashier's, Certified, or Teller's checks (if payable to you and deposited into your account, and the deposit is made in person to an employee of Essex Bank* )
· Traveler's Checks (if payable to you and deposited into your account, and the deposit is made in person to an employee of Essex Bank* )
· checks drawn on us will be available by the first Business Day after the day of deposit.

*If you do not make your deposit in person to one of our employees (for example, if you mail the deposit), funds from these deposits will be available no later than the second Business Day after the day of your deposit.

Other Check Deposits. Funds from all other check deposits will be available by the ninth Business Day after the day of deposit.

MOBILE DEPOSIT. Funds will be available on the first business day after the day we receive your deposit, unless delayed in accordance with the DETERMINING THE AVAILABILITY OF YOUR DEPOSIT section of this policy. Our eBank Mobile Deposit application's business day cut-off time is 6:00 P.M.

ATM DEPOSIT. Cash and the first $225 of checks deposited through an eligible Essex Bank ATM will be available immediately. The remainder of the funds will be available on the business day after the deposit is made, unless funds are delayed in accordance with the DETERMINING THE AVAILABILITY OF YOUR DEPOSIT section of this policy. Our ATM business day cut-off time is 5:00 P.M. Please note that not all Essex Bank ATMs currently accept deposits.

INTERNATIONAL ACH TRANSACTIONS. Customer acknowledges that in the event an International ACH Transaction ("IAT") Entry that is transmitted to or from any of Customer's Accounts is identified and designated by the Financial Institution's screening criteria for review and examination under the OFAC Rules and Regulations ("OFAC Rules"), then the settlement of such and IAT Entry may be delayed or suspended pending Financial Institution's review of the IAT Entry, and may be terminated under applicable OFAC Rules. Customer also acknowledges that Financial Institution may be required to place an indefinite hold on the funds covered by the IAT Entry if the IAT Entry is required to be terminated under the OFAC Rules. Customer agrees that any delay described in the foregoing provisions of this paragraph is a permissible delay under the terms of laws and regulations applicable to the availability of funds held in deposit accounts. In the even an IAT Entry is delayed or terminated, Financial Institution will provide Customer such notice as may be required by the NACHA Rules, OFAC Rules, or other applicable laws and regulations.