

Membership Agreement - Questions and Answers (December 2018)

Q: What changes have been added to the revised Membership Agreement?

A: The following statement has been added regarding Costs, Expenses and Attorneys' Fees that members may be responsible for in the event that legal action is brought against SFFCU:

Section 43-

Costs, Expenses and Attorneys' Fees ALL ACCOUNTS / SERVICES. All owners of account(s) or service(s) with us agree, jointly and severally, to pay us for all costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees we may incur: (1) If it is necessary for us to bring any legal or other action to collect any sum you owe the Credit Union; (2) If we incur any costs or expense as a result of any order or instruction received from any owner or any owner's agent under this Agreement, any adverse claim, legal process; your failure to comply with any obligation in this Membership Agreement or otherwise; (3) If we incur any expense as a result of any dispute, adverse or inconsistent claims; (4) If we bring any action contemplated in this Agreement; (5) If we successfully defend any claim against the Credit Union brought by any owner, agent, personal representative, executor, heir or other party in interest brought via any formal or informal process (including but not limited to arbitration or mediation) involving your accounts or services with us; or (6) If we deem it necessary to seek the advice or opinion of legal counsel or other professionals regarding the bona fides or legality of any transaction(s) to/from your accounts or involving any services with us, or any request for information or documentation regarding any of your accounts and/or services with us. If you are responsible to pay us any costs of collection or legal expenses incurred in collecting any amount you owe; in enforcing or protecting our rights under this Agreement or otherwise; or as provided in this subsection, including but not limited to costs of repossession, repair, appraisal, and all other costs or expenses, you agree to pay us the actual amount of such costs and expenses together with reasonable attorneys' fees. In the case of any collection action you agree that 20% of the unpaid balance or such greater sum as may be appropriate based on the circumstances shall be a reasonable amount, unless applicable law specifically provides otherwise. Further, you agree to pay the Credit Union an additional sum for any costs, legal expenses or attorneys' fees incurred in any appellate, bankruptcy or post-judgment proceedings, except as limited or prohibited by applicable law. Any costs, expenses or fees hereunder will be paid from any of your account(s) with the Credit Union before payment to any owner or other party. If the amounts in your account(s) are not sufficient, then the owner(s) of the affected account(s) or parties to any applicable services will immediately pay any difference.

Q: Have any other changes been made to the revised Membership Agreement?

A: Other minor wording changes have been made throughout the Membership Agreement, but no other substantive changes.

Q: How is the Membership Agreement review completed?

A: Compliance team members review the current Membership Agreement, matching it with the most current version of the template provided by a Credit Union Compliance Attorney. Differences between the documents and new suggested wording are evaluated and changes made as appropriate. The recommended changes are reviewed and approved by Operations Managers and the Executive Management Team.