

AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN  
Newton Federal Bank  
Covington, Georgia  
and  
The Comptroller of the Currency

Newton Federal Bank, Covington, Georgia (“Bank”) and the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States of America (“Comptroller”) wish to protect the interests of the depositors, other customers, and shareholders of the Bank, and, toward that end, wish the Bank to operate safely and soundly and in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

The Comptroller has found unsafe and unsound banking practices relating to credit administration, loan portfolio management, and strategic planning at the Bank.

In consideration of the above premises, it is agreed, between the Bank, by and through its duly elected and acting Board of Directors (“Board”), and the Comptroller, through his authorized representative, that the Bank shall operate at all times in compliance with the articles of this Agreement.

ARTICLE I

JURISDICTION

(1) This Agreement shall be construed to be a “written agreement entered into with the agency” within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b)(1).

(2) This Agreement shall be construed to be a “written agreement between such depository institution and such agency” within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(1) and 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i)(2).

(3) This Agreement shall be construed to be a “formal written agreement” within the meaning of 12 C.F.R. § 163.555. *See* 12 U.S.C. § 1831i.

(4) This Agreement shall be construed to be a “written agreement” within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(u)(1)(A).

(5) This Agreement shall cause the Bank to be designated in “troubled condition,” as set forth in 12 C.F.R. § 163.555, unless otherwise informed in writing by the Comptroller.

(6) All reports or plans which the Bank or Board has agreed to submit to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller pursuant to this Agreement shall be forwarded to the:

Assistant Deputy Comptroller  
Atlanta Field Office - Midtown  
1475 Peachtree Street, N.E., 9th Floor  
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

## ARTICLE II

### COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

(1) Within thirty (30) days, the Board shall appoint a Compliance Committee of at least three (3) directors, of which no more than one (1) shall be an employee or controlling shareholder of the Bank or any of its affiliates (as the term “affiliate” is defined in 12 U.S.C. § 371c(b)(1)), or a family member of any such person. Upon appointment, the names of the members of the Compliance Committee and, in the event of a change of the membership, the name of any new member shall be submitted in writing to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller. The Compliance Committee shall be responsible for monitoring and coordinating the Bank's adherence to the provisions of this Agreement.

(2) The Compliance Committee shall meet at least monthly.

(3) Within forty-five (45) days, and every thirty (30) days thereafter, the Compliance Committee shall submit a written progress report to the Board setting forth in detail:

- (a) a description of the action needed to achieve full compliance with each Article of this Agreement;
  - (b) actions taken to comply with each Article of this Agreement; and
  - (c) the results and status of those actions.
- (4) The Board shall forward a copy of the Compliance Committee's report, with any additional comments by the Board, to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller within thirty (30) days of each calendar quarter end.

### ARTICLE III

#### CRITICIZED ASSETS

(1) The Bank shall take immediate and continuing action to protect its interest in those assets criticized in the Report of Examination, dated September 30, 2011 ("ROE"), in any subsequent Report of Examination, by internal or external loan review, or in any list provided to management by the Comptroller during any examination.

(2) Within ninety (90) days, the Board shall adopt, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written program designed to eliminate the basis of criticism of assets criticized in the ROE, in any subsequent Report of Examination, or by any internal or external loan review, or in any list provided to management by the Comptroller during any examination as "doubtful," "substandard," or "special mention." This program shall include, at a minimum:

- (a) an identification of the expected sources of repayment;
- (b) the appraised value of supporting collateral and the position of the Bank's lien on such collateral where applicable;
- (c) an analysis of current and satisfactory credit information, including cash flow analysis where loans are to be repaid from operations; and

(d) the proposed action to eliminate the basis of criticism and the time frame for its accomplishment.

(3) Upon adoption, a copy of the program for all criticized assets equal to or exceeding two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

(4) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the program developed pursuant to this Article.

(5) The Board, or a designated committee, shall conduct a review, on at least a quarterly basis, to determine:

- (a) the status of each criticized asset or criticized portion thereof that equals or exceeds two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000);
- (b) management's adherence to the program adopted pursuant to this Article;
- (c) the status and effectiveness of the written program; and
- (d) the need to revise the program or take alternative action.

(6) A copy of each review shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller on a quarterly basis.

(7) The Bank may extend credit, directly or indirectly, including renewals, extensions or capitalization of accrued interest, to a borrower whose loans or other extensions of credit are criticized in the ROE, in any subsequent Report of Examination, in any internal or external loan review, or in any list provided to management by the Comptroller during any examination and whose aggregate loans or other extensions exceed two hundred fifty thousand (\$250,000), only if each of the following conditions is met:

- (a) the Board or designated committee finds that the extension of additional credit is necessary to promote the best interests of the Bank and that prior to renewing, extending or capitalizing any additional credit, a majority of the full Board (or designated committee) approves the credit extension and records, in writing, why such extension is necessary to promote the best interests of the Bank; and
- (b) a comparison to the written program adopted pursuant to this Article shows that the Board's formal plan to collect or strengthen the criticized asset will not be compromised.

(8) A copy of the approval of the Board or of the designated committee shall be maintained in the file of the affected borrower.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### LOAN PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

(1) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall develop, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written program to improve the Bank's loan portfolio management. The program shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) procedures to ensure satisfactory and perfected collateral documentation;
- (b) procedures to ensure that extensions of credit are granted, by renewal or otherwise, to any borrower only after obtaining and analyzing current and satisfactory credit information;
- (c) procedures to ensure conformance with loan approval requirements;
- (d) a system to track and analyze exceptions;

- (e) procedures governing the identification and accounting for nonaccrual loans that are consistent with the requirements contained in the Call Report Instructions;
- (f) procedures to ensure the accuracy of internal management information systems; and
- (g) procedures to track and analyze concentrations of credit, significant economic factors, and general conditions and their impact on the credit quality of the Bank's loan and lease portfolios.

(2) Upon completion, a copy of the program shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

(3) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall develop, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to systems which provide for effective monitoring of:

- (a) early problem loan identification to assure the timely identification and rating of loans and leases based on lending officer submissions;
- (b) sources of problem loans by type, collateral and lending officer;
- (c) previously charged-off assets and their recovery potential;
- (d) compliance with the Bank's lending policies and laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to the Bank's lending function;
- (e) adequacy of credit and collateral documentation; and
- (f) concentrations of credit.

(4) Beginning June 30, 2012, on a quarterly basis, management will provide the Board with written reports including, at a minimum, the following information:

- (a) the identification, type, rating, and amount of problem loans and leases;

- (b) the identification and amount of delinquent loans and leases;
- (c) credit and collateral documentation exceptions;
- (d) the identification and status of credit-related violations of law, rule or regulation;
- (e) the identity of the loan officer who originated each loan reported in accordance with subparagraphs (a) through (d) of this Article and Paragraph;
- (f) an analysis of concentrations of credit, significant economic factors, and general conditions and their impact on the credit quality of the Bank's loan and lease portfolios;
- (g) the identification and amount of loans to executive officers, directors, principal shareholders (and their related interests) of the Bank; and
- (h) the identification of loans and leases not in conformance with the Bank's lending and leasing policies, and exceptions to the Bank's lending and leasing policies.

(5) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the program and systems developed pursuant to this Article.

## ARTICLE V

### ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN AND LEASE LOSSES

(1) The Board shall review the adequacy of the Bank's Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses ("Allowance") and shall establish a program for the maintenance of an adequate Allowance. This review and program shall be designed in light of the comments on maintaining a

proper Allowance found in the Interagency Policy Statement contained in OCC Bulletin 2006-47 (December 13, 2006) and the “Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses” booklet of the Comptroller’s Handbook, and shall focus particular attention on the following factors:

- (a) results of the Bank's internal loan review;
- (b) results of the Bank's external loan review;
- (c) an estimate of inherent loss exposure on each significant credit;
- (d) loan loss experience;
- (e) trends of delinquent and nonaccrual loans;
- (f) concentrations of credit in the Bank;
- (g) present and prospective economic conditions; and
- (h) appropriate adjustments to qualitative factors.

(2) The program shall provide for a review of the Allowance by the Board at least once each calendar quarter. Any deficiency in the Allowance shall be remedied in the quarter it is discovered, prior to the filing of the Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income, by additional provisions from earnings. Written documentation shall be maintained indicating the factors considered and conclusions reached by the Board in determining the adequacy of the Allowance.

## ARTICLE VI

### APPRAISALS OF REAL PROPERTY

(1) Within thirty (30) days, the Board shall engage the services of an independent, professionally certified, or licensed appraiser(s) to provide a written or updated appraisal for each parcel of real property that represents primary collateral behind any extension of credit where:

- (a) the loan was criticized in the ROE or by the Bank's internal loan review, and the most recent independent appraisal is more than twelve (12) months old; or
- (b) accrued interest or loan fees or more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), have been or will be added to the outstanding principal balance, and the most recent independent appraisal is more than twelve (12) months old.

(2) All such appraisals shall be completed within one hundred twenty (120) days, and certification by the Board attesting to the completion of the appraisals shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

(3) The Board shall ensure that proper policies and procedures are in effect to comply with the requirements of 12 C.F.R. Part 164 to obtain adequate appraisals and evaluations, as required, on all real property that represents collateral behind an extension of credit.

## ARTICLE VII

### OTHER REAL ESTATE OWNED - ACTION PLANS

(1) Within ninety (90) days, the Board shall adopt, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to action plans for each parcel of Other Real Estate Owned ("OREO") to ensure that these assets are managed in accordance with 12 C.F.R. § 160.172 and Section 251 of the Thrift Examination Manual (December 2010). At a minimum, the plans shall:

- (a) identify the Bank officer(s) responsible for managing and authorizing transactions relating to the OREO properties;
- (b) contain an analysis of each OREO property which compares the cost to carry against the financial benefits of near term sale;

- (c) detail the marketing strategies for each parcel;
- (d) identify targeted time frames for disposing each parcel of OREO;
- (e) establish targeted write-downs at periodic intervals if marketing strategies are unsuccessful;
- (f) establish procedures to require periodic market valuations of each property, including appraisals when necessary, and the methodology to be used; and
- (g) provide for reports to the Board on the status of OREO properties on at least a quarterly basis.

(2) Upon adoption, the Board shall submit a copy of the plans to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

(3) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the plans developed pursuant to this Article.

## ARTICLE VIII

### BUSINESS PLAN

(1) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall prepare, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written three-year business plan that shall include a projection of major balance sheet and income statement components. The business plan shall also include a written profit plan and a detailed budget. Specifically, the plan shall describe the Bank's objectives for improving Bank earnings, contemplated strategies and major capital expenditures required to achieve those objectives. Such strategies shall include specific market segments that the Bank intends to promote or develop. Procedures shall also be established to monitor the Bank's actual results against these projections and to provide for appropriate adjustments to the budget and

profit plan. The plan shall set forth specific time frames for the accomplishment of these objectives.

(2) A copy of the plan shall be submitted to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for review and prior written determination of no supervisory objection. Upon receiving a determination of no supervisory objection from the Assistant Deputy Comptroller, the Bank shall implement and adhere to the program.

(3) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the plan developed pursuant to this Article.

## ARTICLE IX

### CLOSING

(1) Although the Board has agreed to submit certain programs and reports to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for review or prior written determination of no supervisory objection, the Board has the ultimate responsibility for proper and sound management of the Bank.

(2) It is expressly and clearly understood that if, at any time, the Comptroller deems it appropriate in fulfilling the responsibilities placed upon him by the several laws of the United States of America to undertake any action affecting the Bank, nothing in this Agreement shall in any way inhibit, estop, bar, or otherwise prevent the Comptroller from so doing.

(3) Any time limitations imposed by this Agreement shall begin to run from the effective date of this Agreement. Such time requirements may be extended in writing by the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for good cause upon written application by the Board.

(4) The provisions of this Agreement shall be effective upon execution by the parties hereto and its provisions shall continue in full force and effect unless or until such provisions are amended in writing by mutual consent of the parties to the Agreement or excepted, waived, or terminated in writing by the Comptroller.

(5) In each instance in this Agreement in which the Board is required to ensure adherence to, and undertake to perform certain obligations of the Bank, it is intended to mean that the Board shall:

- (a) authorize and adopt such actions on behalf of the Bank as may be necessary for the Bank to perform its obligations and undertakings under the terms of this Agreement;
- (b) require the timely reporting by Bank management of such actions directed by the Board to be taken under the terms of this Agreement;
- (c) follow-up on any non-compliance with such actions in a timely and appropriate manner; and
- (d) require corrective action be taken in a timely manner of any non-compliance with such actions.

(6) This Agreement is intended to be, and shall be construed to be, a supervisory “written agreement entered into with the agency” as contemplated by 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b)(1), and expressly does not form, and may not be construed to form, a contract binding on the Comptroller or the United States. Notwithstanding the absence of mutuality of obligation, or of consideration, or of a contract, the Comptroller may enforce any of the commitments or obligations herein undertaken by the Bank under his supervisory powers, including 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b)(1), and not as a matter of contract law. The Bank expressly acknowledges that neither the Bank nor the

Comptroller has any intention to enter into a contract. The Bank also expressly acknowledges that no officer or employee of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency has statutory or other authority to bind the United States, the U.S. Treasury Department, the Comptroller, or any other federal bank regulatory agency or entity, or any officer or employee of any of those entities to a contract affecting the Comptroller's exercise of his supervisory responsibilities. The terms of this Agreement, including this paragraph, are not subject to amendment or modification by any extraneous expression, prior agreements or prior arrangements between the parties, whether oral or written.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned, authorized by the Comptroller, has hereunto set his hand on behalf of the Comptroller.

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Joel T. Palmer  
Assistant Deputy Comptroller  
Atlanta Field Office - Midtown

5/29/2012

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Date

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned, as the duly elected and acting Board of Directors of the Bank, have hereunto set their hands on behalf of the Bank.

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Troy Brooks

5/29/2012  
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William Fortson

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