



## HOME EQUITY APPLICATION

If this is an application for joint credit, Applicant and Co-Applicant each agree that we intend to apply for joint credit (sign below):

Borrower

Co-Borrower

### SECTION I: REQUEST

- ☐ Home Equity Loan for a fixed term of \_\_\_\_ 5 Years \_\_\_\_ 10 Years \_\_\_\_ 15 Years \_\_\_\_ 20 Years  
☐ Home Equity Flexible Line of Credit

Amount Requested \$	Purpose of Loan	Originator (Bank Use Only)
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### SECTION II: BORROWER INFORMATION

Full Name	Social Security Number	Date of Birth	<input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried (include single, divorced widowed) <input type="checkbox"/> Separated
Principal Residence Street Address, City, State & Zip		Home Phone #:	US Citizen? ____ Yes ____ No If no, Permanent Resident Alien? ____ Yes ____ No
Employer	Occupation (occupation prior to retiring)	Years There	Position/Title
Employer's Address		<input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time	Work Phone Number
Gross Monthly Salary \$	Other Monthly Income Source* Source _____ Provider _____ Source _____ Provider _____		Other Monthly Income* \$ _____ \$ _____
Mother's Maiden Name	E-mail Address		Other Phone Number (Cell Phone)
Driver's License Number	State of Issuance: ____ New Jersey ____ Other (State): ____	Issuance Date:	Expiration Date:

Have you had property foreclosed upon or given title or deed in lieu thereof in the past seven years? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
 Are you party to a lawsuit? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
 Are you obligated to pay alimony, child support or separate maintenance? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No If Yes, monthly amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did you ever have credit in any other name? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No If Yes, what name? \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION III: CO-BORROWER INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)

Full Name	Social Security Number	Date of Birth	<input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried (include single, divorced widowed) <input type="checkbox"/> Separated
Principal Residence Street Address, City, State & Zip		Home Phone #:	US Citizen? ____ Yes ____ No If no, Permanent Resident Alien? ____ Yes ____ No
Employer	Occupation (occupation prior to retiring)	Years There	Position/Title
Employer's Address		<input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time	Work Phone Number
Gross Monthly Salary \$	Other Monthly Income Source* Source _____ Provider _____ Source _____ Provider _____		Other Monthly Income* \$ _____ \$ _____
Mother's Maiden Name	E-mail Address		Other Phone Number (Cell Phone)
Driver's License Number	State of Issuance: ____ New Jersey ____ Other (State): ____	Issuance Date:	Expiration Date:

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 Are you party to a lawsuit? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
 Are you obligated to pay alimony, child support or separate maintenance? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No If Yes, monthly amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did you ever have credit in any other name? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No If Yes, what name? \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Other Income:** List all other sources of income, i.e. Social Security, pension, etc. Notice: Alimony, Child Support, or Separate Maintenance Income need not be revealed if you do not wish to have it considered as a basis for repaying this obligation. If you wish to rely on such income, you must provide us with the name, address, and phone number of the person(s) who will be making payment to you in the Other Income Source section. Please use an additional page if needed.

### SECTION IV: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Primary Residence: ____ Own ____ Rent	Mortgage Holder/Landlord	Mortgage Balance \$	Monthly Payment \$	Annual Taxes \$	
Other Property Type: _____	Mortgage Holder	Mortgage Balance \$	Monthly Payment \$	Annual Taxes \$	
Creditor 1	Balance \$	Monthly Payment \$	Creditor 2	Balance \$	Monthly Payment \$
Creditor 3	Balance \$	Monthly Payment \$	Creditor 4	Balance \$	Monthly Payment \$

<b>SECTION V: FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)</b>					
Checking Institution	Branch Location	Account #	Savings Institution	Branch Location	Account #
<b>SECTION VI: SUBJECT PROPERTY</b>					
Estimated Value: \$	Type ____ 1 Family ____ 2 Family ____ 3-4 Family ____ Condo/Town ____ Other	Residence Type ____ Primary Residence ____ Second Home	Garage ____ Yes ____ No		
Property Street Address, City, State & Zip (if different)		Year Built	Year Purchased	Total Rooms	Total Square Feet
Number of Bedrooms	Number of Baths	Family Room ____ Yes ____ No	Full Basement ____ Yes ____ No	Central Air ____ Yes ____ No	In ground pool ____ Yes ____ No
<b>SECTION VII: ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID OFF WITH PROCEEDS OF THIS LOAN</b>					
Lender 1	Account Number	Estimated Balance \$	Lender 2	Account Number	Estimated Balance \$
Lender 3	Account Number	Estimated Balance \$	Lender 4	Account Number	Estimated Balance \$
<b>SECTION VIII: GOVERNMENT MONITORING INFORMATION:</b>					
<b><u>THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO YOU AND MUST NOT BE COMPLETED IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A HOME EQUITY LINE OF CREDIT.</u></b>					
<b><u>THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES TO YOU AND MUST BE COMPLETED IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A FIXED RATE HOME EQUITY LOAN AND:</u></b>					
(1) All or part of the loan proceeds are to be used to refinance an existing loan or line of credit secured by the dwelling; or, (2) All or part of the loan proceeds are to be used for home improvement purposes; or, (3) All or part of the proceeds are to be used to purchase a dwelling					
Please read the following disclosure prior to completing:					
The following information is required by the federal government for certain types of loans related to a dwelling in order to monitor the lender's compliance with equal credit opportunity, fair housing and home mortgage disclosure laws. Applicants(s) are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. Applicant(s) may select one or more designations for "Race". The law provides that a lender may not discriminate on the basis of this information, or on whether applicant(s) choose to furnish it. If applicant(s) do not wish to furnish this information and this application was made in person, under federal regulations, the lender is required to note ethnicity, race, and sex on the basis of visual observation or surname. If applicant(s) do not wish to furnish this information, the appropriate box should be checked below.					
<b>APPLICANT:</b> ____ I do not wish to furnish this information.			<b>CO-APPLICANT:</b> ____ I do not wish to furnish this information.		
Race: ____ American Indian or Alaskan Native ____ Native Hawaiian or Other ____ Asian ____ Pacific Islander ____ Black or African American ____ White			Race: ____ American Indian or Alaskan Native ____ Native Hawaiian or Other ____ Asian ____ Pacific Islander ____ Black or African American ____ White		
Ethnicity: ____ Hispanic or Latino ____ Not Hispanic or Latino			Ethnicity: ____ Hispanic or Latino ____ Not Hispanic or Latino		
Sex: ____ Male ____ Female			Sex: ____ Male ____ Female		
<i>To be completed by Interviewer:</i> This application was taken via: ____ face-to-face interview ____ mail			Interviewer		Branch or Phone
<b>SECTION IX: AUTOMATIC PAYMENT DEDUCTION (PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE STATEMENT)</b>					
____ I would like my monthly payment deducted from my Two River Community Bank Checking Account. ____ I understand that if I do not sign up for an Automatic Payment Deduction from my Two River Community Bank Checking Account for my Home Equity Line of Credit that my interest rate will be Prime + 1% rather than Prime – 1%, resulting in an interest rate that is 2% higher. ____ I understand that if I do not sign up for an Automatic Payment Deduction from my Two River Community Bank Checking Account for my Home Equity Loan that my interest rate will be 0.50% higher.					
ABA Number:			Checking Account Number:		
<b>SECTION X: SIGNATURES (PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING)</b>					
In the following paragraph the words, "I, me and my" refer to all persons signing below and/or "you and your" refer to the Lender. I declare that the information in this application is true and complete. I made no misrepresentations in the loan application or other documents, nor did I omit pertinent information. You may verify the information in this application. I authorize any individual or consumer reporting agency to give you additional information for verification purposes. This application will remain your property whether or not it is approved.					
I acknowledge that I have received the following disclosures: 1. Home Equity Application Disclosure 2. The Federal Reserve Board's "What You Should Know About Home Equity Line of Credit" 3. Regulation B – Right to a Real Estate Appraisal 4. Privacy Policy 5. USA Patriot Act Disclosure					
Applicant's Signature:		Date:	Co-Applicant's Signature		Date:

**If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Residential Mortgage Department at 1-888-454-4424.**

# HOME EQUITY APPLICATION DISCLOSURE

TWO RIVER COMMUNITY BANK  
Middletown  
1250 Highway 35 South  
Middletown, NJ 07748

## IMPORTANT TERMS OF OUR HOME EQUITY APPLICATION DISCLOSURE

This disclosure contains important information about our Promotional Line of Credit Product (the "Plan"). You should read it carefully and keep a copy for your records.

**AVAILABILITY OF TERMS.** All of the terms of the Plan described herein are subject to change. If any of these terms change (other than the ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE) and you decide, as a result, not to enter into an agreement with us, you are entitled to a refund of any fees that you paid to us or anyone else in connection with your application.

**SECURITY INTEREST.** We will take a security interest in your home. You could lose your home if you do not meet the obligations in your agreement with us.

**POSSIBLE ACTIONS.** Under this Plan, we have the following rights:

**Termination and Acceleration.** We can terminate the Plan and require you to pay us the entire outstanding balance in one payment, and charge you certain fees, if any of the following happens:

- (a) You commit fraud or make a material misrepresentation at any time in connection with the Plan. This can include, for example, a false statement about your income, assets, liabilities, or any other aspect of your financial condition.
- (b) You do not meet the repayment terms of the Plan.
- (c) Your action or inaction adversely affects the collateral for the Plan or our rights in the collateral. This can include, for example, failure to maintain required insurance, waste or destructive use of the dwelling, failure to pay taxes, death of all persons liable on the account, transfer of title or sale of the dwelling, creation of a senior lien on the dwelling without our permission, foreclosure by the holder of another lien or the use of funds on the dwelling for prohibited purposes.

**Suspension or Reduction.** In addition to any other rights we may have, we can suspend additional extensions of credit or reduce your credit limit during any period in which any of the following are in effect:

- (a) The value of your dwelling declines significantly below the dwelling's appraised value for purposes of the Plan. This includes, for example, a decline such that the initial difference between the credit limit and the available equity is reduced by fifty percent and may include a smaller decline depending on the individual circumstances.
- (b) We reasonably believe that you will be unable to fulfill your payment obligations under the Plan due to a material change in your financial circumstances.
- (c) You are in default under any material obligation of the Plan. We consider all of your obligations to be material. Categories of material obligations include, but are not limited to, the events described above under Termination and Acceleration, obligations to pay fees and charges, obligations and limitations on the receipt of credit advances, obligations concerning maintenance or use of the dwelling or proceeds, obligations to pay and perform the terms of any other deed of trust, mortgage or lease of the dwelling, obligations to notify us and to provide documents or information to us (such as updated financial information), obligations to comply with applicable laws (such as zoning restrictions). No default will occur until we mail or deliver a notice of default to you, so you can restore your right to credit advances.
- (d) We are precluded by government action from imposing the annual percentage rate provided for under the Plan.
- (e) The priority of our security interest is adversely affected by government action to the extent that the value of the security interest is less than 120 percent of the credit limit.
- (f) We have been notified by governmental authority that continued advances may constitute an unsafe and unsound business practice.
- (g) The maximum annual percentage rate under the Plan is reached.

**Change in Terms.** We may make changes to the terms of the Plan if you agree to the change in writing at that time, if the change will unequivocally benefit you throughout the remainder of the Plan, or if the change is insignificant (such as changes relating to our data processing systems).

**Fees and Charges.** In order to open and maintain an account, you must pay certain fees and charges.

**Lender Fees.** The following fees must be paid to us:

Description	Amount	When Charged
NSF Handling Fee:	30.00	At the time a payment is returned to us for non-sufficient funds
Stop Payment Fee:	20.00	At the time you request a Stop Payment
Photocopying Charges: \$5.00 Charge for additional copy of Statement		At the time of your request

**Late Charge.** Your payment will be late if it is not received by us within 15 days after the "Payment Due Date" shown on your periodic statement. If your payment is late we may charge you 5.000% of the unpaid amount of the payment.

**Third Party Fees.** You must pay certain fees to third parties such as appraisers, credit reporting firms, and government agencies.

These third party fees generally total \$0.00. Upon request, we will provide you with an itemization of the fees you will have to pay to third parties. We estimate the breakdown of these as follows:

Description	Amount	When Charged
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# HOME EQUITY APPLICATION DISCLOSURE (Continued)

**PROPERTY INSURANCE.** You must carry insurance on the property that secures the Plan.

**MINIMUM PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS.** You can obtain advances of credit during the following period: 15 Years (the "Draw Period"). Your Regular Payment will be based on a percentage of your outstanding balance plus all accrued FINANCE CHARGES as shown below or \$50.00, whichever is greater. Your payments will be due monthly.

<u>Range of Balances</u>	<u>Number of Payments</u>	<u>Regular Payment Calculation</u>
All Balances	180	0.555% of your outstanding balance plus all accrued FINANCE CHARGES

Your "Minimum Payment" will be the Regular Payment, plus any amount past due and all other charges. The Minimum Payment will not fully repay the principal that is outstanding on your Credit Line and your final payment will be a single balloon payment. An increase in the ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE may increase the amount of your Regular Payment.

**MINIMUM PAYMENT EXAMPLE.** If you made only the minimum payment and took no other credit advances, it would take 15 years to pay off a credit advance of \$10,000.00 at an ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE of 6.250%. During that period, you would make 179 monthly payments ranging from \$50.00 to \$108.58 and one final payment of \$3,480.30.

**TRANSACTION REQUIREMENTS.** The following transaction limitations will apply to the use of your Credit Line:

**Credit Line Credit Line Check Limitations.** The following transaction limitations will apply to your Credit Line and the writing of Credit Line Checks.

**Minimum Advance Amount.** The minimum amount of any credit advance that can be made on your Credit Line is \$250.00. This means any Credit Line Check must be written for at least the minimum advance amount.

**TAX DEDUCTIBILITY.** You should consult a tax advisor regarding the deductibility of interest and charges for the Plan.

**VARIABLE RATE FEATURE.** The Plan has a variable rate feature. The ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE (corresponding to the periodic rate), and the minimum payment amount can change as a result. The ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE does not include costs other than interest.

**THE INDEX.** The annual percentage rate is based on the value of an index (referred to in this disclosure as the "Index"). The Index is the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate. Information about the Index is available or published in the Wall Street Journal. We will use the most recent Index value available to us as of each day to make any annual percentage rate adjustment. If the Index is no longer available, we will choose a new Index and margin. The new Index will have an historical movement substantially similar to the original Index, and the new Index and margin will result in an annual percentage rate that is substantially similar to the rate in effect at the time the original Index becomes unavailable.

**ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE.** To determine the Periodic Rate that will apply to your account, we subtract a margin from the value of the Index, then divide the value by the number of days in a year (daily). To obtain the ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE we multiply the Periodic Rate by the number of days in a year (daily). This result is the **ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE**. A change in the Index rate generally will result in a change in the ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE. The amount that your ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE may change also may be affected by the lifetime annual percentage rate limits, as discussed below.

**Initial Annual Percentage Rate Discount.** The initial annual percentage rate is "discounted"--it is not based on the Index and margin used for later rate adjustments. The initial discounted rate will be in effect for 6 Payments.

Please ask us for the current Index value, margin, discount and annual percentage rate. After you open a credit line, rate information will be provided on periodic statements that we send you.

**FREQUENCY OF ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE ADJUSTMENTS.** Your ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE can change daily after the first six months. There is no limit on the amount by which the annual percentage rate can change during any one year period. However, under no circumstances will your ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE exceed 16.000% per annum or, except for any initial discount period, go below 4.500% per annum at any time during the term of the Plan.

**MAXIMUM RATE AND PAYMENT EXAMPLE.** If you had an outstanding balance of \$10,000.00, the minimum payment at the maximum ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE of 16.000% would be \$191.39. This ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE could be reached at the time of the 6th payment.

**PREPAYMENT.** You may prepay all or any amount owing under the Plan at any time without penalty.

**HISTORICAL EXAMPLE.** The example below shows how the ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE and the minimum payments for a single \$10,000.00 credit advance would have changed based on changes in the Index from 1994 to 2008. The Index values are from the following reference period: as of the 1st week ending in January. While only one payment per year is shown, payments may have varied during each year. Different outstanding principal balances could result in different payment amounts.

The table assumes that no additional credit advances were taken, that only the minimum payments were made, and that the rate remained constant during the year. It does not necessarily indicate how the Index or your payments would change in the future.

# HOME EQUITY APPLICATION DISCLOSURE (Continued)

## INDEX TABLE

Year (as of the 1st week ending in January)	Index (Percent)	Margin (1) (Percent)	ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE	Monthly Payment (Dollars)
1994.....	6.000.....	-1.000	3.990 (7)	89.39
1995.....	8.500.....	-1.000	7.500	111.49
1996.....	8.500.....	-1.000	7.500	104.29
1997.....	8.250.....	-1.000	7.250	95.82
1998.....	8.500.....	-1.000	7.500	91.26
1999.....	7.750.....	-1.000	6.750	80.79
2000.....	8.500.....	-1.000	7.500	79.85
2001.....	9.000.....	-1.000	8.000	77.34
2002.....	4.750.....	-1.000	3.750	51.20
2003.....	4.250.....	-1.000	3.250	50.00
2004.....	4.000.....	-1.000	3.000	50.00
2005.....	5.250.....	-1.000	4.250	50.00
2006.....	7.250.....	-1.000	6.250	50.00
2007.....	8.250.....	-1.000	7.250	50.00
2008.....	7.250.....	-1.000	6.250	50.00

(1) This is a margin we have used recently; your margin may be different.

(7) This ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE reflects a discount that we have provided recently; your Plan may be discounted by a different amount.

**EARLY CANCELLATION FEE.** Borrower agrees to reimburse Lender for all costs associated with the origination of this loan, including but not limited to, Credit Reports, Flood Insurance Searches, and Appraisal preparation, and origination costs if the loan account is closed out within twenty-four (24) months of the loan closing date. These costs shall be in the amount of \$800.00 and shall be added to the payoff amount.



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What you should know about

# Home Equity Lines of Credit



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**If you are in the market for credit, a home equity plan is one of several options that might be right for you. Before making a decision, however, you should weigh carefully the costs of a home equity line against the benefits. Shop for the credit terms that best meet your borrowing needs without posing undue financial risks. And remember, failure to repay the amounts you've borrowed, plus interest, could mean the loss of your home.**

# Home Equity Plan Checklist

Ask your lender to help fill out this checklist.

Basic Features	Plan A	Plan B
Fixed annual percentage rate	%	%
Variable annual percentage rate	%	%
■ Index used and current value	%	%
■ Amount of margin		
■ Frequency of rate adjustments		
■ Amount/length of discount (if any)		
■ Interest-rate cap and floor		
<b>Length of plan</b> Draw period		
Repayment period		
<b>Initial fees</b> Appraisal fee		
Application fee		
Up-front charges, including points		
Closing costs		
<b>Repayment Terms</b>		
<b>During the draw period</b> Interest and principal payments		
Interest-only payments		
Fully amortizing payments		
<b>When the draw period ends</b> Balloon payment?		
Renewal available?		
Refinancing of balance by lender?		

## What is a home equity line of credit?

A home equity line of credit is a form of revolving credit in which your home serves as collateral. Because a home often is a consumer's most valuable asset, many homeowners use home equity credit lines only for major items, such as education, home improvements, or medical bills, and choose not to use them for day-to-day expenses.

With a home equity line, you will be approved for a specific amount of credit. Many lenders set the credit limit on a home equity line by taking a percentage (say, 75%) of the home's appraised value and subtracting from that the balance owed on the existing mortgage. For example:

<b>Appraised value of home</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>x 75%</b>
<b>Percentage of appraised value</b>	<b>= \$ 75,000</b>
<b>Less balance owed on mortgage</b>	<b>– \$ 40,000</b>
<b>Potential line of credit</b>	<b>\$ 35,000</b>

In determining your actual credit limit, the lender will also consider your ability to repay the loan (principal and interest) by looking at your income, debts, and other financial obligations as well as your credit history.

Many home equity plans set a fixed period during which you can borrow money, such as 10 years. At the end of this “draw period,” you may be allowed to renew the credit line. If your

plan does not allow renewals, you will not be able to borrow additional money once the period has ended. Some plans may call for payment in full of any outstanding balance at the end of the period. Others may allow repayment over a fixed period (the “repayment period”), for example, 10 years.

Once approved for a home equity line of credit, you will most likely be able to borrow up to your credit limit whenever you want. Typically, you will use special checks to draw on your line. Under some plans, borrowers can use a credit card or other means to draw on the line.

There may be other limitations on how you use the line. Some plans may require you to borrow a minimum amount each time you draw on the line (for example, \$300) or keep a minimum amount outstanding. Some plans may also require that you take an initial advance when the line is set up.

## What should you look for when shopping for a plan?

If you decide to apply for a home equity line of credit, look for the plan that best meets your particular needs. Read the credit agreement carefully, and examine the terms and conditions of various plans, including the annual percentage rate (APR) and the costs of establishing the plan. Remember, though, that the APR for a home equity line is based on the interest rate alone and will not reflect closing costs and other fees and charges, so you’ll need to compare these costs, as well as the APRs, among lenders.

### Variable interest rates

Home equity lines of credit typically involve variable rather than fixed interest rates. The variable rate must be based on a publicly available index (such as the prime rate published in some major

daily newspapers or a U.S. Treasury bill rate). In such cases, the interest rate you pay for the line of credit will change, mirroring changes in the value of the index. Most lenders cite the interest rate you will pay as the value of the index at a particular time, plus a “margin,” such as 2 percentage points. Because the cost of borrowing is tied directly to the value of the index, it is important to find out which index is used, how often the value of the index changes, and how high it has risen in the past. It is also important to note the amount of the margin.

Lenders sometimes offer a temporarily discounted interest rate for home equity lines—an “introductory” rate that is unusually low for a short period, such as 6 months.

Variable-rate plans secured by a dwelling must, by law, have a ceiling (or cap) on how much your interest rate may increase over the life of the plan. Some variable-rate plans limit how much your payment may increase and how low your interest rate may fall if the index drops.

Some lenders allow you to convert from a variable interest rate to a fixed rate during the life of the plan, or let you convert all or a portion of your line to a fixed-term installment loan.

## Costs of establishing and maintaining a home equity line

Many of the costs of setting up a home equity line of credit are similar to those you pay when you get a mortgage. For example:

- A fee for a property appraisal to estimate the value of your home;
- An application fee, which may not be refunded if you are turned down for credit;

- Up-front charges, such as one or more “points” (one point equals 1 percent of the credit limit); and
- Closing costs, including fees for attorneys, title search, mortgage preparation and filing, property and title insurance, and taxes.

In addition, you may be subject to certain fees during the plan period, such as annual membership or maintenance fees and a transaction fee every time you draw on the credit line.

You could find yourself paying hundreds of dollars to establish the plan. And if you were to draw only a small amount against your credit line, those initial charges would substantially increase the cost of the funds borrowed. On the other hand, because the lender’s risk is lower than for other forms of credit, as your home serves as collateral, annual percentage rates for home equity lines are generally lower than rates for other types of credit. The interest you save could offset the costs of establishing and maintaining the line. Moreover, some lenders waive some or all of the closing costs.

## How will you repay your home equity plan?

Before entering into a plan, consider how you will pay back the money you borrow. Some plans set a minimum monthly payment that includes a portion of the principal (the amount you borrow) plus accrued interest. But, unlike with typical installment loan agreements, the portion of your payment that goes toward principal may not be enough to repay the principal by the end of the term. Other plans may allow payment of interest only during the life of the plan, which means that you pay nothing toward the principal. If you borrow \$10,000, you will owe that amount when the payment plan ends.

Regardless of the minimum required payment on your home equity line, you may choose to pay more, and many lenders offer a choice of payment options. Many consumers choose to pay down the principal regularly as they do with other loans. For example, if you use your line to buy a boat, you may want to pay it off as you would a typical boat loan.

Whatever your payment arrangements during the life of the plan—whether you pay some, a little, or none of the principal amount of the loan—when the plan ends, you may have to pay the entire balance owed, all at once. You must be prepared to make this “balloon payment” by refinancing it with the lender, by obtaining a loan from another lender, or by some other means. If you are unable to make the balloon payment, you could lose your home.

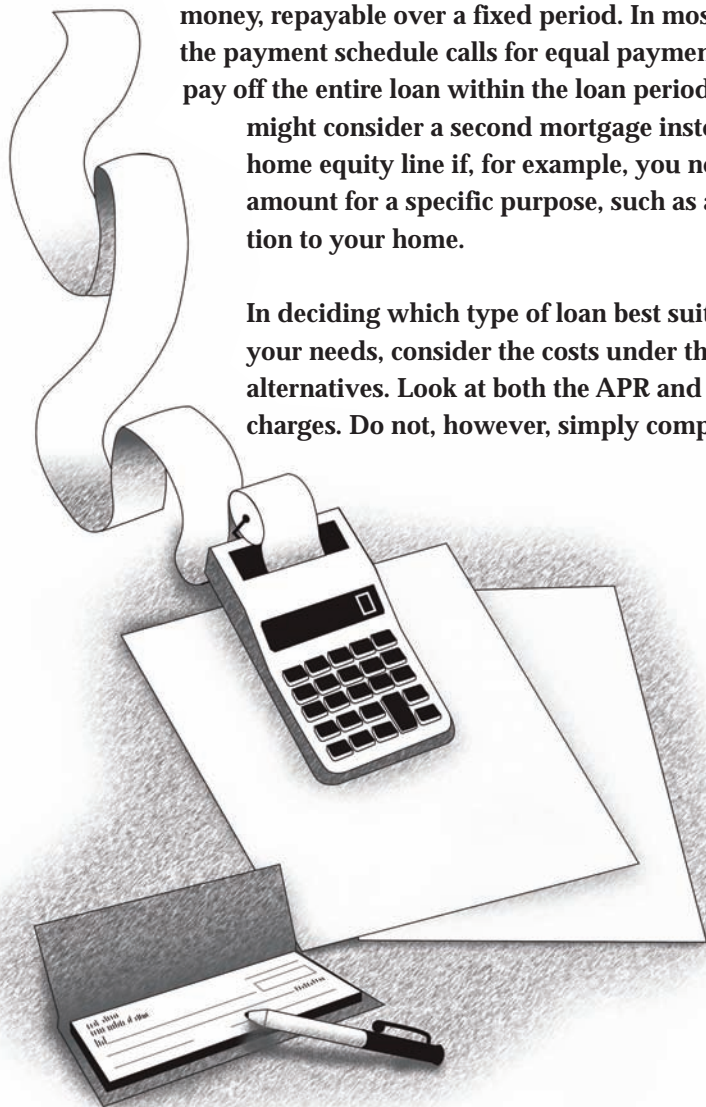
If your plan has a variable interest rate, your monthly payments may change. Assume, for example, that you borrow \$10,000 under a plan that calls for interest-only payments. At a 10% interest rate, your monthly payments would be \$83. If the rate rises over time to 15%, your monthly payments will increase to \$125. Similarly, if you are making payments that cover interest plus some portion of the principal, your monthly payments may increase, unless your agreement calls for keeping payments the same throughout the plan period.

If you sell your home, you will probably be required to pay off your home equity line in full immediately. If you are likely to sell your home in the near future, consider whether it makes sense to pay the up-front costs of setting up a line of credit. Also keep in mind that renting your home may be prohibited under the terms of your agreement.

## Lines of credit vs. traditional second mortgage loans

If you are thinking about a home equity line of credit, you might also want to consider a traditional second mortgage loan. This type of loan provides you with a fixed amount of money, repayable over a fixed period. In most cases, the payment schedule calls for equal payments that pay off the entire loan within the loan period. You might consider a second mortgage instead of a home equity line if, for example, you need a set amount for a specific purpose, such as an addition to your home.

In deciding which type of loan best suits your needs, consider the costs under the two alternatives. Look at both the APR and other charges. Do not, however, simply compare





the APRs, because the APRs on the two types of loans are figured differently:

- The APR for a traditional second mortgage loan takes into account the interest rate charged plus points and other finance charges.
- The APR for a home equity line of credit is based on the periodic interest rate alone. It does not include points or other charges.

## Disclosures from lenders

The federal Truth in Lending Act requires lenders to disclose the important terms and costs of their home equity plans, including the APR, miscellaneous charges, the payment terms, and information about any variable-rate feature. And in general, neither the lender nor anyone else may charge a fee until after you have received this information. You usually get these disclosures when you receive an application form, and you will get additional disclosures before the plan is opened. If any term (other than a variable-rate feature) changes before the plan is opened, the lender must return all fees if you decide not to enter into the plan because of the change.

When you open a home equity line, the transaction puts your home at risk. If the home involved is your principal dwelling, the Truth in Lending Act gives you 3 days from the day the account was opened to cancel the credit line. This right allows you to change your mind for any reason. You simply inform the lender in writing within the 3-day period. The lender must then cancel its security interest in your home and return all fees—including any application and appraisal fees—paid to open the account.

## What if the lender freezes or reduces your line of credit?

Plans generally permit lenders to freeze or reduce a credit line if the value of the home “declines significantly” or, when the lender “reasonably believes” that you will be unable to make your payments due to a “material change” in your financial circumstances. If this happens, you may want to:

- **Talk with your lender.** Find out what caused the lender to freeze or reduce your credit line and what, if anything, you can do to restore it. You may be able to provide additional information to restore your line of credit, such as documentation showing that your house has retained its value or that there has not been a “material change” in your financial circumstances. You may want to get copies of your credit reports (go to the Federal Trade Commission’s website, at [www.ftc.gov/freereports](http://www.ftc.gov/freereports), for information about free copies) to make sure all the information in them is correct. If your lender suggests getting a new appraisal, be sure you discuss appraisal firms in advance so that you know they will accept the new appraisal as valid.
- **Shop around for another line of credit.** If your lender does not want to restore your line of credit, shop around to see what other lenders have to offer. You may be able to pay off your original line of credit and take out another one. Keep in mind, however, that you may need to pay some of the same application fees you paid for your original line of credit.

# Glossary

## Annual membership or maintenance fee

An annual charge for access to a financial product such as a line of credit, credit card, or account. The fee is charged regardless of whether or not the product is used.

## Annual percentage rate (APR)

The cost of credit, expressed as a yearly rate. For closed-end credit, such as car loans or mortgages, the APR includes the interest rate, points, broker fees, and other credit charges that the borrower is required to pay. An APR, or an equivalent rate, is not used in leasing agreements.

## Application fee

Fees charged when you apply for a loan or other credit. These fees may include charges for property appraisal and a credit report.

## Balloon payment

A large extra payment that may be charged at the end of a mortgage loan or lease.

## Cap (interest rate)

A limit on the amount that your interest rate can increase. Two types of interest-rate caps exist. Periodic adjustment caps limit the interest-rate increase from one adjustment period to the next. Lifetime caps limit the interest-rate increase over the life of the loan. By law, all adjustable-rate mortgages have an overall cap.

## Closing or settlement costs

Fees paid when you close (or settle) on a loan. These fees may include application fees; title examination, abstract of title, title

insurance, and property survey fees; fees for preparing deeds, mortgages, and settlement documents; attorneys' fees; recording fees; estimated costs of taxes and insurance; and notary, appraisal, and credit report fees. Under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, the borrower receives a good faith estimate of closing costs within three days of application. The good faith estimate lists each expected cost as an amount or a range.

## Credit limit

The maximum amount that may be borrowed on a credit card or under a home equity line of credit plan.

## Equity

The difference between the fair market value of the home and the outstanding balance on your mortgage plus any outstanding home equity loans.

## Index

The economic indicator used to calculate interest-rate adjustments for adjustable-rate mortgages or other adjustable-rate loans. The index rate can increase or decrease at any time. See also Selected Index Rates for ARMs over an 11-year Period ([www.federalreserve.gov/pubs/arms/arms\\_english.htm](http://www.federalreserve.gov/pubs/arms/arms_english.htm)) for examples of common indexes that have changed in the past.

## Interest rate

The percentage rate used to determine the cost of borrowing money, stated usually as a percentage of the principal loan amount and as an annual rate.

## Margin

The number of percentage points the lender adds to the index rate to calculate the ARM interest rate at each adjustment.

## Minimum payment

The lowest amount that you must pay (usually monthly) to keep your account in good standing. Under some plans, the minimum payment may cover interest only; under others, it may include both principal and interest.

## Points (also called discount points)

One point is equal to 1 percent of the principal amount of a mortgage loan. For example, if a mortgage is \$200,000, one point equals \$2,000. Lenders frequently charge points in both fixed-rate and adjustable-rate mortgages to cover loan origination costs or to provide additional compensation to the lender or broker. These points usually are paid at closing and may be paid by the borrower or the home seller, or may be split between them. In some cases, the money needed to pay points can be borrowed (incorporated in the loan amount), but doing so will increase the loan amount and the total costs. Discount points (also called discount fees) are points that you voluntarily choose to pay in return for a lower interest rate.

## Security interest

If stated in your credit agreement, a creditor's, lessor's, or assignee's legal right to your property (such as your home, stocks, or bonds) that secures payment of your obligation under the credit agreement.

## Transaction fee

Fee charged each time a withdrawal or other specified transaction is made on a line of credit, such as a balance transfer fee or a cash advance fee.

## Variable rate

An interest rate that changes periodically in relation to an index, such as the prime rate. Payments may increase or decrease accordingly.

## Where to go for help

For additional information or to file a complaint about a bank, savings and loan, credit union, or other financial institution, contact one of the following federal agencies, depending on the type of institution.

### **State-chartered bank members of the Federal Reserve System**

**Federal Reserve Consumer Help**

**PO Box 1200**

**Minneapolis, MN 55480**

**888-851-1920 (toll free)**

**877-766-8533 (TTY) (toll free)**

**877-888-2520 (fax) (toll free)**

**e-mail: [ConsumerHelp@FederalReserve.gov](mailto:ConsumerHelp@FederalReserve.gov)**

**[www.FederalReserveConsumerHelp.gov](http://www.FederalReserveConsumerHelp.gov)**

### **National banks and national-bank-owned mortgage companies<sup>1</sup>**

**Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC)**

**Customer Assistance Group**

**1301 McKinney Street, Suite 3450**

**Houston, TX 77010**

**800-613-6743 (toll free)**

**713-336-4301 (fax)**

**e-mail: [customer.assistance@occ.treas.gov](mailto:customer.assistance@occ.treas.gov)**

**[www.occ.treas.gov](http://www.occ.treas.gov)**

**[www.helpwithmybank.gov](http://www.helpwithmybank.gov)**

### **Federally chartered credit unions<sup>2</sup>**

**National Credit Union Administration (NCUA)**

**Office of Public and Congressional Affairs**

**1775 Duke Street**

**Alexandria, VA 22314**

**800-755-1030 (toll free)**

**703-518-6409 (fax)**

**e-mail: [consumerassistance@ncua.gov](mailto:consumerassistance@ncua.gov)**

**[www.ncua.gov/ConsumerInformation/index.htm](http://www.ncua.gov/ConsumerInformation/index.htm)**

<sup>1</sup> Banks with "National" in their name or "N.A." after the name.

<sup>2</sup> Credit unions with "Federal" in their name.

For state-chartered credit unions, contact the regulatory agency in the state in which the credit union is chartered.

[www.ncua.gov/consumerinformation/consumer%20complaints/statechartered.htm](http://www.ncua.gov/consumerinformation/consumer%20complaints/statechartered.htm)

Federally insured state-chartered banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve System

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)

Consumer Response Center

2345 Grand Blvd., Suite 100

Kansas City, MO 64108

877-ASK-FDIC (877-275-3342) (toll free)

e-mail: [consumeralerts@fdic.gov](mailto:consumeralerts@fdic.gov)

[www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/ccc/index.html](http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/ccc/index.html)

Savings and loan associations<sup>3</sup>

Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS)

Consumer Affairs

1700 G Street, NW

Washington, DC 20552

800-842-6929 (toll free)

800-877-8339 (TTY) (toll free)

[www.ots.treas.gov](http://www.ots.treas.gov)

Mortgage companies and other lenders

Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Consumer Response Center

600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20580

202-326-3758 or (877) FTC-HELP

866-FTC-HELP (877-382-4357) (toll free)

[www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)

<sup>3</sup> Federally chartered and some state-chartered associations.

## More resources and ordering information

For more resources on mortgages and other financial topics, visit [www.federalreserve.gov/consumerinfo](http://www.federalreserve.gov/consumerinfo).

### Print orders

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## **USA PATRIOT ACT DISCLOSURE**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR OPENING A NEW ACCOUNT**

To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Section 326 of the **USA PATRIOT ACT** signed October 26, 2001 requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person who opens an account or who has signing authority on an account.

What this means for you:

When you open an account, we will ask you for your name, address, date of birth, tax identification number and other information that will allow us to identify you. We will ask you to see your driver's license or other identifying documents.



## NOTICE- PRIVACY POLICY

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FARMINGDALE, NJ 07727  
PHONE: (732) 556-4399  
FAX: (732) 919-7564**

### **Our Privacy Commitment to You**

We recognize, respect and protect the personal privacy rights of all our customers. We realize that our customers entrust us with personal information and it is our policy to maintain our customers' information in a confidential manner. We are committed to providing the highest level of security and privacy regarding the collection and use of our customers' personal information, as well as personal information of all consumers who visit our institution and website.

### **Confidentiality and Security of Nonpublic Personal Information**

We restrict access to nonpublic personal information about you to those employees who need to know that information to provide products or services to you. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards that comply with federal standards to guard your nonpublic personal information.

### **Nonpublic Personal Information We Collect**

We collect nonpublic personal information about you from the following sources:

- Information we receive from you on applications or other forms
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates, or others
- Information we receive from a consumer reporting agency

### **Nonpublic Personal Information We Disclose**

We do not disclose nor do we reserve the right to disclose, any nonpublic personal information about our customers or former customers to anyone, except to other nonaffiliated third parties as permitted by law.

**Notify Us of Inaccurate Information We Report To Consumer Reporting Agencies.** Please notify us if we report any inaccurate information about your account(s) to a consumer reporting agency. Your written notice describing the specific inaccuracy(ies) should be sent to us at the following address: TWO RIVER COMMUNITY BANK 1250 Highway 35 South Middletown, NJ 07748.