

**189—6.1(533) Establishment of branch offices.**

**6.1(1) *Definition.*** A branch office is determined to be a place where ordinary services of the credit union are provided to the members.

**6.1(2) *Application.*** A state chartered credit union desiring to establish and operate a branch office shall submit to the superintendent an “Application to Establish a Branch Office.” The application and instructions for preparing and filing it are furnished upon request.

**6.1(3)** Reserved for hearing and notice.

**6.1(4) *Guidelines.*** In determining whether or not approval of a branch office should be granted, the superintendent will consider the following factors:

*a.* Whether the establishment of a branch office is reasonably necessary for service to, and is in the best interest of, the applicant credit union’s membership.

*b.* Whether the member population density and other economic characteristics of the area primarily to be served by the proposed office afford reasonable promise of adequate support for the office.

*c.* Whether the capital structure of the applicant credit union is adequate in relation to the costs and anticipated increased business, if any, occasioned by the proposed branch office.

*d.* Whether the operation and management of the applicant credit union is such as will adequately provide for a branch office operation.

*e.* Such other factors as the superintendent determines appropriate or necessary in determining an applicant credit union’s ability to establish and operate a branch office.

**6.1(5)** Reserved.

**6.1(6) *Certification.*** If after notice and hearing the decision of the superintendent is favorable, the superintendent shall issue certification to evidence approval for the establishment and operation of the branch office to be effective on a specified date and at a designated location.