

Bank of Granite

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Bank of Granite Goes Mobile

Reinforcing its commitment to solid service, Bank of Granite has announced the launch of Granite Mobile Banking — a comprehensive new and easy-to-use mobile banking platform. It enables customers to access their Bank of Granite online accounts from a web-enabled cell phone and do everything they normally would online — check balances, view history, transfer funds and even pay bills. Available from the bank at no charge, Granite Mobile Banking is a browser-based service compatible with any web-enabled cell phone, PDA or mobile device.

“Our ongoing strategy is to provide innovative products and solutions to enhance the banking experience for our customers,” said Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer Mark Stephens. “We make every effort to respond to evolving customer behaviors, preferences and trends. Granite Mobile Banking is ideal for those individuals who need to make financial decisions and transactions on the go.”

To enroll in Granite Mobile Banking, customers must first have their accounts set up in the bank’s free Granite Online service. This may be done from the website www.bankofgranite.com. Granite Mobile Banking enrollment is simple, secure and may be done when logged onto Granite Online.

The customer's mobile device must be web-enabled and it is crucial that the mobile network allow SSL (Secure Socket Layer) traffic. For additional safeguarding, multi-factor security questions are set up through Granite Online.

"Increasingly customers want flexible ways to access banking capabilities whenever and wherever it is convenient for them," said Stephens. "We are pleased to be one of the first community banks to deliver this value-added service for our customers."

Bank of Granite and Granite Mortgage are subsidiaries of Bank of Granite Corporation, whose stock is traded on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "GRAN." The bank operates 22 full-service banking offices in Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Forsyth, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Watauga and Wilkes counties, and a lending office in Guilford County. Granite Mortgage, headquartered in Winston-Salem, originates home mortgages in these counties and in Fayetteville and Salisbury, N.C.

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