

General Assistance Ordinance

APPENDICES A - I



Town of York, Maine

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(For amendments prior to enactment date, see General Assistance Ordinance)

ENACTMENT BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of the vote to amend this Ordinance: January 8, 2018.

Certified by the Town Clerk:

Mary Anne Symonowich
(signature)

on

1/9/18
(date)

GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE APPENDICES A-D 2017-2018

The Municipality of York, Maine adopts the MMA Model Ordinance GA Appendices (A-D) for the period of Oct. 1, 2017—September 30, 2018. These appendices are filed with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in compliance with Title 22 M.R.S.A. §4305(4).

Signed the 8 (day) of January (month) 2018 (year)
by the municipal officers:

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GA Overall Maximums

Metropolitan Areas

COUNTY	Persons in Household				
	1	2	3	4	5*
Bangor HMFA: Bangor, Brewer, Eddington, Glenburn, Hampden, Hermon, Holden, Kenduskeag, Milford, Old Town, Orono, Orrington, Penobscot Indian Island Reservation, Veazie	714	788	994	1,242	1,506
Penobscot County HMFA: Alton, Argyle UT, Bradford, Bradley, Burlington, Carmel, Carroll plantation, Charleston, Chester, Clifton, Corinna, Corinth, Dexter, Dixmont, Drew plantation, East Central Penobscot UT, East Millinocket, Edinburg, Enfield, Etna, Exeter, Garland, Greenbush, Howland, Hudson, Kingman UT, Lagrange, Lakeville, Lee, Levant, Lincoln, Lowell town, Mattawamkeag, Maxfield, Medway, Millinocket, Mount Chase, Newburgh Newport, North Penobscot UT, Passadumkeag, Patten, Plymouth, Prentiss UT, Seboeis plantation, Springfield, Stacyville, Stetson, Twombly UT, Webster plantation, Whitney UT, Winn, Woodville	605	682	847	1,095	1,269
Lewiston/Auburn MSA: Auburn, Durham, Greene, Leeds, Lewiston, Lisbon, Livermore, Livermore Falls, Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland, Sabattus, Turner, Wales	641	726	915	1,169	1,397
Portland HMFA: Cape Elizabeth, Casco, Chebeague Island, Cumberland, Falmouth, Freeport, Frye Island, Gorham, Gray, Long Island, North Yarmouth, Portland, Raymond, Scarborough, South Portland, Standish, Westbrook, Windham, Yarmouth; Buxton, Hollis, Limington, Old Orchard Beach	1,002	1,131	1,431	1,931	2,097
York/Kittery/S.Berwick HMFA: Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, South Berwick, York	982	1,025	1,333	1,714	2,173
Cumberland County HMFA: Baldwin, Bridgton, Brunswick, Harpswell, Harrison, Naples, New Gloucester, Pownal, Sebago	761	807	1,072	1,561	1,780

Appendix A

Effective: 10/01/17-09/30/18

COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
Sagadahoc HMFA: Arrowsic, Bath, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Georgetown, Perkins UT, Phippsburg, Richmond, Topsham, West Bath, Woolwich	781	863	999	1,318	1,600
York County HMFA: Acton, Alfred, Arundel, Biddeford, Cornish, Dayton, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Lebanon, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, North Berwick, Ogunquit, Parsonsfield, Saco, Sanford, Shapleigh, Waterboro, Wells	745	872	1,079	1,457	1,477

*Note: Add \$75 for each additional person.

Non-Metropolitan Areas

Persons in Household

COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
Aroostook County	618	642	760	965	1,049
Franklin County	646	671	793	985	1,400
Hancock County	693	787	992	1,249	1,367
Kennebec County	722	746	928	1,216	1,297
Knox County	754	755	928	1,186	1,315
Lincoln County	783	834	987	1,234	1,470
Oxford County	630	646	771	1,110	1,343
Piscataquis County	595	672	828	1,090	1,125
Somerset County	675	704	835	1,133	1,146
Waldo County	680	751	887	1,206	1,281
Washington County	630	645	763	985	1,173

* Please Note: Add \$75 for each additional person.

Appendix B

Effective: 10/01/17 to 09/30/18

Food Maximums

Please Note: The maximum amounts allowed for food are established in accordance with the U.S.D.A. Thrifty Food Plan. As of October 1, 2017, those amounts are:

Number in Household	Weekly Maximum	Monthly Maximum
1	44.65	192
2	81.86	352
3	117.21	504
4	148.84	640
5	176.74	760
6	212.33	913
7	234.65	1,009
8	268.14	1,153

Note: For each additional person add \$144 per month.

GA Housing Maximums (Heated & Unheated Rents)

NOTE: NOT ALL MUNICIPALITIES SHOULD ADOPT THESE SUGGESTED HOUSING MAXIMUMS! Municipalities should ONLY **consider** adopting the following numbers, if these figures are consistent with local rent values. If not, a market survey should be conducted and the figures should be altered accordingly. The results of any such survey must be presented to DHHS prior to adoption. **Or, no housing maximums should be adopted and eligibility should be analyzed in terms of the Overall Maximum—Appendix A. (See Instruction Memo for further guidance.)**

Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Aroostook County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	111	476	130	559
1	111	476	134	578
2	130	558	159	684
3	167	718	204	878
4	177	762	221	949
<u>Franklin County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	117	503	137	587
1	117	503	141	607
2	137	591	167	717
3	173	743	209	898
4	258	1,108	302	1,300
<u>Hancock County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	124	535	147	633
1	139	599	167	720
2	183	788	213	915
3	227	976	270	1,159
4	242	1,041	294	1,264
<u>Kennebec County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	131	564	154	662
1	131	564	158	679
2	168	724	198	851
3	219	943	262	1,126
4	226	971	278	1,194

Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Knox County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	139	596	161	694
1	139	596	161	694
2	168	724	198	851
3	212	913	255	1,096
4	230	989	282	1,212
<u>Lincoln County</u>				
	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	145	625	168	723
1	150	646	178	767
2	182	783	212	910
3	223	961	266	1,144
4	266	1,144	318	1,367
<u>Oxford County</u>				
	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	110	472	133	570
1	110	472	135	579
2	132	567	161	694
3	195	837	237	1,020
4	237	1,017	288	1,240
<u>Piscataquis County</u>				
	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	106	457	126	540
1	118	508	143	613
2	147	630	177	759
3	198	853	235	1,011
4	198	853	240	1,034
<u>Somerset County</u>				
	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	120	517	143	615
1	121	519	148	637
2	147	631	176	758
3	202	869	243	1,043
4	202	869	243	1,043

Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Waldo County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	121	522	144	620
1	131	563	159	684
2	159	683	188	810
3	217	933	260	1,116
4	222	955	274	1,178
<u>Washington County</u>				
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	110	472	133	570
1	110	472	134	578
2	130	559	160	686
3	166	712	208	895
4	208	847	249	1,070

Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Bangor HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	129	556	152	654
1	140	600	168	721
2	184	790	213	917
3	225	969	268	1,152
4	275	1,180	326	1,403
<u>Penobscot Cty. HMFA</u>				
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	104	447	127	545
1	115	494	143	615
2	149	643	179	770
3	191	822	234	1,005
4	219	943	271	1,166
<u>Lewiston/Auburn MSA</u>				
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	112	483	135	581
1	125	538	153	659
2	165	711	195	838
3	208	896	251	1,079
4	249	1,071	301	1,294

Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Portland HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	196	844	219	942
1	219	943	247	1,064
2	285	1,227	315	1,354
3	386	1,658	428	1,841
4	412	1,771	464	1,994
<u>York/Kittery/S. Berwick HMFA</u>				
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	192	824	214	922
1	195	837	223	958
2	263	1,129	292	1,256
3	335	1,441	378	1,624
4	430	1,847	481	2,070
<u>Cumberland Cty. HMFA</u>				
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	140	603	163	701
1	144	619	172	740
2	202	868	231	995
3	299	1,288	342	1,471
4	338	1,454	390	1,677
<u>Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA</u>				
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	145	623	168	721
1	157	675	185	796
2	185	795	214	922
3	243	1,045	286	1,228
4	296	1,274	348	1,497
<u>York Cty. HMFA</u>				
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	136	587	159	685
1	159	684	187	805
2	203	875	233	1,002
3	275	1,184	318	1,367
4	275	1,184	320	1,374

GA MAXIMUMS SUMMARY SHEET

Note: The overall maximums found in *Appendices A, B, C, D, E, and F* are effective from **October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018.**

APPENDIX A - OVERALL MAXIMUMS

<u>County</u>	<u>Persons in Household</u>					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
NOTE: For each additional person add \$75 per month.						
(The applicable figures from Appendix A, <i>once adopted</i> , should be inserted here.)						

APPENDIX B - FOOD MAXIMUMS

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly Maximum</u>	<u>Monthly Maximum</u>
1	44.65	192
2	81.86	352
3	117.21	504
4	148.84	640
5	176.74	760
6	212.33	913
7	234.65	1009
8	268.14	1,153
NOTE: For each additional person add \$144 per month.		

APPENDIX C - HOUSING MAXIMUMS

Number of Bedrooms	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0				
1				
2				
3				
4				
(The applicable figures from Appendix C, <i>once adopted</i> , should be inserted here.)				

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APPENDIX D - UTILITIES

ELECTRIC

NOTE: For an electrically heated dwelling also see “Heating Fuel” maximums below. But remember, an applicant is *not automatically* entitled to the “maximums” established—applicants must demonstrate need.

1) **Electricity Maximums for Households Without Electric Hot Water:** The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, for lights, cooking and other electric uses *excluding* electric hot water and heat:

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
1	\$14.00	\$60.00
2	\$15.70	\$67.50
3	\$17.45	\$75.00
4	\$19.70	\$86.00
5	\$23.10	\$99.00
6	\$25.00	\$107.00

NOTE: For each additional person add \$7.50 per month.

2) **Electricity Maximums for Households With Electrically Heated Hot Water:** The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, hot water, for lights, cooking and other electric uses *excluding* heat:

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
1	\$20.65	\$89.00
2	\$23.75	\$102.00
3	\$27.70	\$119.00
4	\$32.25	\$139.00
5	\$38.75	\$167.00
6	\$41.00	\$176.00

NOTE: For each additional person add \$10.00 per month.

NOTE: For electrically heated households, the maximum amount allowed for electrical utilities per month shall be the sum of the appropriate maximum amount under this subsection and the appropriate maximum for heating fuel as provided below.

APPENDIX E - HEATING FUEL

<u>Month</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Gallons</u>
September	50	January	225
October	100	February	225
November	200	March	125
December	200	April	125
		May	50

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NOTE: When the dwelling unit is heated electrically, the maximum amount allowed for heating purposes will be calculated by multiplying the number of gallons of fuel allowed for that month by the current price per gallon. When fuels such as wood, coal and/or natural gas are used for heating purposes, they will be budgeted at actual rates, if they are reasonable. No eligible applicant shall be considered to need more than 7 tons of coal per year, 8 cords of wood per year, 126,000 cubic feet of natural gas per year, or 1000 gallons of propane.

APPENDIX F - PERSONAL CARE & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly Amount</u>	<u>Monthly Amount</u>
1-2	\$10.50	\$45.00
3-4	\$11.60	\$50.00
5-6	\$12.80	\$55.00
7-8	\$14.00	\$60.00

NOTE: For each additional person add \$1.25 per week or \$5.00 per month.

SUPPLEMENT FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 5

When an applicant can verify expenditures for the following items, a special supplement will be budgeted as necessary for households with children under 5 years of age for items such as cloth or disposable diapers, laundry powder, oil, shampoo, and ointment up to the following amounts:

<u>Number of Children</u>	<u>Weekly Amount</u>	<u>Monthly Amount</u>
1	\$12.80	\$55.00
2	\$17.40	\$75.00
3	\$23.30	\$100.00
4	\$27.90	\$120.00

Appendix G

Mileage Rate

This municipality adopts the State of Maine travel expense reimbursement rate as set by the Office of the State Controller. The current rate for approved employment and necessary medical travel etc. is 44 cents (44¢) per mile.

Please refer to the Office of State Controller for changes to this rate: Telephone: 626-8420 or visit: <http://www.state.me.us/osc/>

Appendix H

Funeral Maximums

Burial Maximums

The maximum amount of general assistance granted for the purpose of burial is **\$1,125**. Additional costs may be allowed by the GA administrator, where there is an actual cost, for:

- The wholesale cost of a cement liner if the cemetery by-laws require one;
- The opening and closing of the grave site; and
- A lot in the least expensive section of the cemetery. If the municipality is able to provide a cemetery lot in a municipally owned cemetery or in a cemetery under municipal control, the cost of the cemetery lot in any other cemetery will not be paid by the municipality.

The municipality's obligation to provide funds for burial purposes is limited to a reasonable calculation of the funeral director's direct costs, not to exceed the maximum amounts of assistance described in this section. Allowable burial expenses are limited to:

- Removal of the body from a local residence or institution
- A secured death certificate or obituary
- Embalming
- A minimum casket
- A reasonable cost for necessary transportation
- Other reasonable and necessary specified direct costs, as itemized by the funeral director and approved by the municipal administrator.

Cremation Maximums

The maximum amount of assistance granted for a cremation shall be **\$785**. Additional costs may be allowed by the GA administrator where there is an actual cost, for:

- A cremation lot in the least expensive section of the cemetery
- A reasonable cost for a burial urn not to exceed \$50
- Transportation costs borne by the funeral director at a reasonable rate per mile for transporting the remains to and from the cremation facility.

Appendix I

26 MRSA §1043 (23)

Misconduct. “Misconduct” means a culpable breach of the employee’s duties or obligations to the employer or a pattern of irresponsible behavior, which in either case manifests a disregard for a material interest of the employer. This definition relates only to an employee’s entitlement to benefits and does not preclude an employer from discharging an employee for actions that are not included in this definition of misconduct. A finding that an employee has not engaged in misconduct for purposes of this chapter may not be used as evidence that the employer lacked justification for discharge. [1999, c. 464, §2 (rpr).]

A. The following acts or omissions are presumed to manifest a disregard for a material interest of the employer. If a culpable breach or a pattern of irresponsible behavior is shown, these actions or omissions constitute “misconduct” as defined in this subsection. This does not preclude other acts or omissions from being considered to manifest a disregard for a material interest of the employer. The acts or omissions included in the presumption are the following:

- (1) Refusal, knowing failure or recurring neglect to perform reasonable and proper duties assigned by the employer;
- (2) Unreasonable violation of rules that are reasonably imposed and communicated and equitably enforced;
- (3) Unreasonable violation of rules that should be inferred to exist from common knowledge or from the nature of the employment;
- (4) Failure to exercise due care for punctuality or attendance after warnings;
- (5) Providing false information on material issues relating to the employee’s eligibility to do the work or false information or dishonesty that may substantially jeopardize a material interest of the employer;
- (6) Intoxication while on duty or when reporting to work or unauthorized use of alcohol while on duty;
- (7) Using illegal drugs or being under the influence of such drugs while on duty or when reporting to work;
- (8) Unauthorized sleeping while on duty;
- (9) Insubordination or refusal without good cause to follow reasonable and proper instructions from the employer;
- (10) Abusive or assaultive behavior while on duty, except as necessary for self-defense;
- (11) Destruction or theft of things valuable to the employer or another employee;
- (12) Substantially endangering the safety of the employee, coworkers, customers or members of the public while on duty;
- (13) Conviction of a crime in connection with the employment or a crime that reflects adversely on the employee’s qualifications to perform the work; or
- (14) Absence for more than 2 work days due to incarceration for conviction of a crime.

Appendix I

[1999, c. 464, §2 (new).]

B. “Misconduct” may not be found solely on:

- (1) An isolated error in judgment or a failure to perform satisfactorily when the employee has made a good faith effort to perform the duties assigned;
- (2) Absenteeism caused by illness of the employee or an immediate family member if the employee made reasonable efforts to give notice of the absence and to comply with the employer’s notification rules and policies; or
- (3) Actions taken by the employee that were necessary to protect the employee or an immediate family member from domestic violence if the employee made all reasonable efforts to preserve the employment.

[1999, c. 464, §2 (new).]