

Adopting the MMA Model Ordinance GA Appendices A-F, for the period of October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018.

The Municipal General Assistance program is mandated by State law. Each year, Maine Municipal Association reviews the General Assistance maximums for each municipality. Appendix A stipulates general assistance overall maximums for metropolitan areas and C stipulates housing maximums. These maximums have increased. Appendices B, D, E & F have been amended to reflect the current year. Food has gone down slightly and electricity has increased. All else remains the same. I do not expect a concern relative to my adopted budget. Please find following the General Assistance Maximums Summary Sheet for South Portland and surrounding areas.

Respectfully submitted,

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Oct 1, 2017 to Sept 30, 2018 (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)

OVERALL MAXIMUMS					Housing Maximums					<u>ELECTRIC</u>		
Persons in Household					UNHEATED		Heated			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 <u>Without</u> Electric Hot Water: The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, for lights, cooking and other electric uses excluding electric hot water and heat:		
1	2	3	4	5	BEDROOM	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly			
1,002	1,131	1431	1,931	2097	0	196	844	219	942			
Household of 6 = 2,172					1	219	943	247	1,064			
* Add \$75 for each additional person					2	285	1,227	315	1,354			
					3	386	1,658	428	1,841			
					4	412	1,771	464	1,994			
FOOD MAXIMUMS					<u>PERSONAL CARE & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES</u>					NOTE: For each additional person add \$7.50 per month. 2) Electricity Maximums for Households <u>With</u> Electrically Heated Hot Water: The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, hot water, for lights, cooking and other electric uses excluding heat:		
Persons	Weekly	Monthly	Number in Household		Weekly Amount		Monthly Amount					
1	44.65	192	1-2	\$10.50	\$45.00							
2	81.86	352	3-4	\$11.60	\$50.00							
3	117.21	504	5-6	\$12.80	\$55.00							
4	148.84	640	7-8	\$14.00	\$60.00							
5	176.74	760	NOTE: For each additional person add \$1.25 per week or \$5.00 per month.									
6	212.33	913										
7	234.65	1,009										
8	268.14	1,153										
Add \$144 per month for each + person												
<u>HEATING FUEL</u>					<u>SUPPLEMENT FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 5</u>							
Month	Gallons	Month	Gallons	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:								
September	50	January	225	Number of Children		Weekly Amount		Monthly Amount				
October	100	February	225	1	\$12.80	\$55.00						
November	200	March	125	2	\$17.40	\$75.00						
December	200	April	125	3	\$23.30	\$100.00						
				4	\$27.90	\$120.00						
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.				1-800-442-6003			Revised 10-1-17					