

GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE APPENDICES A-H 2020-2021

The Municipality of _____ adopts the MMA Model Ordinance GA Appendices (A-H) for the period of Oct. 1, 2020—September 30, 2021. 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 _____ (day) of _____ (month) _____ (year)
by the municipal officers:

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Print Name)

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(Print Name)

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2020-2021 GA MAXIMUMS SUMMARY SHEET

Note: The overall maximums found in *Appendices A, B, C, D, E, and F* are effective from **October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.**

APPENDIX A - OVERALL MAXIMUMS

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

APPENDIX B - FOOD MAXIMUMS

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly Maximum</u>	<u>Monthly Maximum</u>
1	\$ 47.44	\$ 204
2	86.98	374
3	124.42	535
4	158.14	680
5	187.67	807
6	225.35	969
7	249.07	1,071
8	284.65	1,224
<p>NOTE: For each additional person add \$153 per month.</p>		

APPENDIX C - HOUSING MAXIMUMS

Number of Bedrooms	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0				
1				
2				
3				
4				
<p style="text-align: center;">(The applicable figures from Appendix C, <i>once adopted</i>, should be inserted here.)</p>				

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2020-2021 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	775	879	1,116	1,397	1,956
Cumberland County HMFA: Baldwin, Bridgton, Brunswick, Harpswell, Harrison, Naples, New Gloucester, Pownal, Sebago	883	926	1,197	1,649	1,882
Lewiston/Auburn MSA: Auburn, Durham, Greene, Leeds, Lewiston, Lisbon, Livermore, Livermore Falls, Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland, Sabattus, Turner, Wales	741	798	1,025	1,287	1,633
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	741	742	981	1,229	1,341
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	1,179	1,284	1,668	2,180	2,654
Sagadahoc HMFA: Arrowsic, Bath, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Georgetown, Perkins UT, Phippsburg, Richmond, Topsham, West Bath, Woolwich	821	933	1,095	1,449	1,691

Appendix A

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COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
York County HMFA: Acton, Alfred, Arundel, Biddeford, Cornish, Dayton, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Lebanon, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, North Berwick, Ogunquit, Parsonsfield, Saco, Sanford, Shapleigh, Waterboro, Wells	918	980	1,212	1,539	1,720
York/Kittery/S.Berwick HMFA: Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, South Berwick, York	1,136	1,165	1,539	1,926	2,699

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

Non-Metropolitan Areas

Persons in Household

COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
Aroostook County	649	710	831	1,119	1,200
Franklin County	683	729	837	1,102	1,480
Hancock County	836	871	1,047	1,319	1,445
Kennebec County	769	786	979	1,284	1,371
Knox County	792	795	979	1,291	1,390
Lincoln County	868	886	1,057	1,349	1,554
Oxford County	764	767	936	1,322	1,537
Piscataquis County	659	708	874	1,158	1,396
Somerset County	709	744	959	1,249	1,338
Waldo County	818	871	997	1,339	1,705
Washington County	710	713	926	1,160	1,254

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

Appendix B

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2020-2021 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, 2020, those amounts are:

Number in Household	Weekly Maximum	Monthly Maximum
1	\$ 47.44	\$ 204
2	86.98	374
3	124.42	535
4	158.14	680
5	187.67	807
6	225.35	969
7	249.07	1,071
8	284.65	1,224

Note: For each additional person add \$153 per month.

2020-2021 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	117	504	141	606	
1	123	528	154	663	
2	139	599	180	776	
3	195	840	246	1,057	
4	200	859	262	1,126	
<u>Franklin County</u>		<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	125	538	149	640	
1	127	547	159	682	
2	141	605	182	782	
3	191	823	242	1,040	
4	265	1,139	327	1,406	
<u>Hancock County</u>		<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	159	682	182	783	
1	159	682	188	809	
2	186	801	227	975	
3	238	1,022	287	1,235	
4	251	1,079	312	1,342	
<u>Kennebec County</u>		<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	143	615	167	716	
1	143	615	168	724	
2	170	733	211	907	
3	230	987	279	1,200	
4	234	1,005	295	1,268	

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Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

Knox County		Unheated		Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	148	638	172	739	
1	148	638	172	739	
2	170	733	211	907	
3	231	994	281	1,207	
4	238	1,024	299	1,287	
Lincoln County		Unheated		Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	166	714	190	815	
1	166	714	192	824	
2	189	811	229	985	
3	245	1,052	294	1,265	
4	276	1,188	337	1,451	
Oxford County		Unheated		Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	142	610	165	711	
1	142	610	165	711	
2	160	690	201	864	
3	238	1,025	288	1,238	
4	272	1,171	333	1,434	
Piscataquis County		Unheated		Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	116	501	142	609	
1	119	512	152	652	
2	146	627	189	811	
3	200	862	253	1,086	
4	241	1,037	305	1,312	
Somerset County		Unheated		Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	129	555	153	656	
1	129	555	159	682	
2	166	713	206	887	
3	221	952	271	1,165	
4	226	972	287	1,235	

Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Waldo County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	154	664	178	765
1	157	676	188	809
2	175	751	215	925
3	242	1,042	292	1,255
4	311	1,339	373	1,602

<u>Washington County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	129	556	153	657
1	129	556	153	657
2	158	680	199	854
3	201	863	250	1,076
4	206	888	268	1,151

Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Bangor HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	144	621	168	722
1	159	684	190	817
2	202	870	243	1,044
3	256	1,100	305	1,313
4	370	1,590	431	1,853

<u>Cumberland Ctv. HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	170	729	193	830
1	170	731	201	864
2	221	951	262	1,125
3	314	1,352	364	1,565
4	353	1,516	414	1,779

<u>Lewiston/Auburn MSA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	137	587	160	688
1	140	603	171	736
2	181	779	222	953
3	230	990	280	1,203
4	295	1,267	356	1,530

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Metropolitan FMR Areas

Penobscot Cty. HMFA		Unheated		Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	137	587	160	688	
1	137	587	160	688	
2	171	735	211	909	
3	217	932	266	1,145	
4	227	975	288	1,238	
Portland HMFA					
Portland HMFA		Unheated		Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	238	1,025	262	1,126	
1	253	1,089	284	1,222	
2	331	1,422	371	1,596	
3	438	1,883	487	2,096	
4	532	2,288	593	2,551	
Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA					
Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA		Unheated		Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	155	667	179	768	
1	172	738	203	871	
2	197	849	238	1,023	
3	268	1,152	317	1,365	
4	308	1,325	369	1,588	
York Cty. HMFA					
York Cty. HMFA		Unheated		Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	178	764	201	865	
1	183	785	213	918	
2	225	966	265	1,140	
3	289	1,242	338	1,455	
4	315	1,354	376	1,617	
York/Kittery/S. Berwick HMFA					
York/Kittery/S. Berwick HMFA		Unheated		Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	228	982	252	1,083	
1	228	982	257	1,103	
2	301	1,293	341	1,467	
3	379	1,629	428	1,842	
4	543	2,333	604	2,596	

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	\$19.90	\$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

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2020-2021 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 45 cents (45¢) 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/>

Funeral Maximums

Burial Maximums

The maximum amount of general assistance granted for the purpose of burial is **\$1,475**. 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.

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.

Cremation Maximums

The maximum amount of assistance granted for a cremation shall be **\$1,025**.

The municipality's obligation to provide funds for cremation 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 cremation expenses are limited to:

- removal and transportation of the body from a local residence or institution
- professional fees
- crematorium fees
- a secured death certificate or obituary

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- other reasonable and necessary specified direct costs, as itemized by the funeral director and approved by the municipal administrator.

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 \$55
- transportation costs borne by the funeral director at a reasonable rate per mile for transporting the remains to and from the cremation facility.