

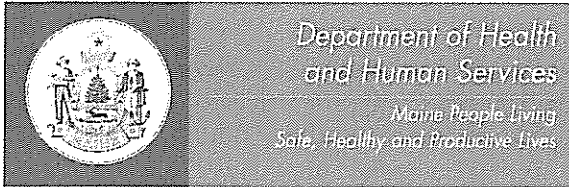
Town of Freeport

MEMO

MEMO TO: Peter Joseph, Freeport Town Manager
FROM: Johanna Hanselman, General Assistance Administrator
SUBJECT: **Agenda Item for September 5, 2017 – Setting a Public Hearing for September 19th, 2017** regarding State Mandated General Assistance Ordinance Appendix Updates
DATE: August 28, 2017

Each year, the Town Council is required to adopt the local General Assistance Ordinance and/or yearly Appendices. The law requires that the municipal officers adopt the ordinance and/or Appendices after public notice and hearing. This fall the changes in the General Assistance Ordinance are in Appendix A (Overall Maximums), Appendix B (Food Maximums), Appendix C (GA Housing Maximums) and Appendix D (Utilities). Once these new appendices are adopted by the Town Council, they will replace the existing appendices.

Additionally, after the Town Council has adopted these appendices, General Assistance law requires that DHHS be sent a copy of the amended Appendix. DHHS will accept the Adoption Form attached as proof that the Town of Freeport has adopted the current General Assistance maximums. **Please have the Town Council sign the attached form upon adopting this amendment. Thank you.**



Paul R. LePage, Governor Ricker Hamilton, Acting Commissioner

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TO: Municipal Officials/Welfare Directors/General Assistance Administrators

FROM: Ian Miller, General Assistance Program Manager

RE: 2017 – 2018 General Assistance Ordinance Maximums

DATE: 8-21-2017

Enclosed please find the following items:

- MMA's new (October 1, 2017–September 30, 2018) “**General Assistance Ordinance Appendix**” (A - D).
- “**GA Maximums Summary Sheet**” which consolidates GA maximums into one document. Municipalities do have to insert individual locality maximums from Appendix A and C in the summary sheet where indicated in order to complete the information. The “summary” does not have to be adopted, as it is not an Appendix but a tool for municipal officials administering GA.
- “**GA Maximums Adoption Form**” which was developed so that municipalities may easily send DHHS proof of GA maximums adoption. Once the selectpersons or council adopts the new maximums, the enclosed form should be signed and submitted to DHHS. (see “*Filing of GA Ordinance and/or Appendices*” below for further information).

Appendix A - D

The enclosed Appendices A - D have been revised for your municipality's General Assistance Ordinance. These new Appendices, **once adopted**, should replace the existing Appendices A – D. Even if you have already adopted MMA's model General Assistance Ordinance, **the municipal officers must approve/adopt the new Appendices yearly.**

The Adoption Process

2017-2018 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

2017-2018 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.

Appendix C

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

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
York/Kittery/S. Berwick HMFA					
<u>York/Kittery/S. Berwick HMFA</u>		<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</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
Cumberland Cty. HMFA					
<u>Cumberland Cty. HMFA</u>		<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</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
Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA					
<u>Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA</u>		<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</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
York Cty. HMFA					
<u>York Cty. HMFA</u>		<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</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		269	1,156	320	1,374

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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**GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE
APPENDICES A-D
2017-2018**

The Municipality of Freeport 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 19th (day) of September (month) 2017 (year)
by the municipal officers:

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Print Name)

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