

GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE

APPENDICES A-D

2018-2019

The Municipality of Madawaska adopts the MMA Model Ordinance GA Appendices (A-D) for the period of Oct. 1, 2018—September 30, 2019. 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 13th (day) of September (month) 2018 (year)
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2018-2019 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	733	814	1,032	1,294	1,748
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	693	697	908	1,137	1,297
Lewiston/Auburn MSA: Auburn, Durham, Greene, Leeds, Lewiston, Lisbon, Livermore, Livermore Falls, Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland, Sabattus, Turner, Wales	669	736	932	1,193	1,461
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	1,058	1,159	1,483	1,986	2,303
York/Kittery/S.Berwick HMFA: Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, South Berwick, York	989	1,039	1,382	1,749	2,433
Cumberland County HMFA: Baldwin, Bridgton, Brunswick, Harpswell, Harrison, Naples, New Gloucester, Pownal, Sebago	784	831	1,091	1,593	1,820

Appendix A

Effective: 10/01/18-09/30/19

COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
Sagadahoc HMFA: Arrowsic, Bath, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Georgetown, Perkins UT, Phippsburg, Richmond, Topsham, West Bath, Woolwich	786	875	1,017	1,345	1,636
York County HMFA: Acton, Alfred, Arundel, Biddeford, Cornish, Dayton, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Lebanon, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, North Berwick, Ogunquit, Parsonsfield, Saco, Sanford, Shapleigh, Waterboro, Wells	766	884	1,098	1,487	1,515

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

Non-Metropolitan Areas

Persons in Household

COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
Aroostook County	622	662	773	1,016	1,112
Franklin County	650	680	807	1,005	1,431
Hancock County	698	798	1,009	1,274	1,397
Kennebec County	727	756	944	1,241	1,326
Knox County	759	765	944	1,210	1,344
Lincoln County	788	845	1,004	1,259	1,503
Oxford County	694	699	839	1,221	1,426
Piscataquis County	615	681	843	1,115	1,238
Somerset County	679	714	859	1,156	1,219
Waldo County	696	761	903	1,231	1,389
Washington County	679	683	840	1,062	1,212

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

Appendix B

Effective: 10/01/18 to 09/30/19

2018-2019 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, 2018, those amounts are:

Number in Household	Weekly Maximum	Monthly Maximum
1	44.65	192
2	82.09	353
3	117.44	505
4	149.30	642
5	177.21	762
6	212.56	914
7	235.12	1,011
8	268.60	1,155

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

2018-2019 GA MAXIMUMS SUMMARY SHEET

Note: The overall maximums found in *Appendices A, B, C, D, E, and F* are effective from **October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019.**

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>(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	44.65	192
2	82.09	353
3	117.44	505
4	149.30	642
5	177.21	762
6	212.56	914
7	235.12	1,011
8	268.60	1,155
<p>NOTE: For each additional person add \$144 per month.</p>		

APPENDIX C - HOUSING MAXIMUMS

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

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2018-2019 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>				
Bedrooms	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	112	483	131	565
1	115	496	140	600
2	133	572	163	700
3	180	776	217	932
4	192	826	236	1,016
<u>Franklin County</u>				
Bedrooms	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	119	511	138	593
1	120	514	144	618
2	141	606	171	734
3	178	765	214	921
4	266	1,145	310	1,335
<u>Hancock County</u>				
Bedrooms	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	124	535	147	633
1	140	602	169	726
2	183	788	215	924
3	230	988	273	1,175
4	246	1,058	299	1,285
<u>Kennebec County</u>				
Bedrooms	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	131	564	154	662
1	131	564	159	684
2	168	724	200	859
3	222	955	266	1,142
4	230	987	282	1,214

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	200	859
3	215	924	258	1,111
4	234	1,005	287	1,232
<u>Lincoln County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	145	625	168	723
1	151	649	180	773
2	182	783	214	919
3	226	973	270	1,160
4	271	1,164	323	1,391
<u>Oxford County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	123	528	146	629
1	123	528	146	629
2	140	600	175	754
3	218	935	261	1,122
4	253	1,087	306	1,314
<u>Piscataquis County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	110	474	130	559
1	119	512	144	619
2	149	640	179	771
3	203	871	240	1,032
4	220	946	266	1,142
<u>Somerset County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	120	517	143	614
1	121	519	149	642
2	147	631	180	774
3	202	870	246	1,057
4	205	880	257	1,107

Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Waldo County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	123	530	147	631
1	131	565	160	689
2	159	683	190	818
3	220	945	263	1,132
4	244	1,050	297	1,277
<u>Washington County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	119	513	143	614
1	119	513	143	614
2	140	601	176	755
3	181	776	224	963
4	203	873	256	1,100

Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Bangor HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	132	567	155	668
1	144	618	173	742
2	185	793	220	947
3	234	1,008	278	1,195
4	328	1,409	380	1,636
<u>Penobscot Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	123	527	146	628
1	123	527	146	628
2	156	669	191	823
3	198	851	241	1,038
4	223	958	276	1,185
<u>Lewiston/Auburn MSA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	117	503	140	604
1	125	540	154	664
2	165	711	197	847
3	211	907	254	1,094
4	261	1,122	314	1,349

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Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Portland HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	208	892	231	993
1	224	963	253	1,087
2	289	1,244	325	1,398
3	395	1,700	439	1,887
4	457	1,964	510	2,191
<u>York/Kittery/S. Berwick HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	192	824	215	924
1	196	843	225	967
2	266	1,143	302	1,297
3	340	1,463	384	1,650
4	487	2,094	540	2,321
<u>Cumberland Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	144	618	167	719
1	148	635	177	759
2	202	868	234	1,006
3	304	1,307	347	1,494
4	344	1,481	397	1,708
<u>Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	145	623	168	721
1	158	679	187	803
2	185	795	217	932
3	246	1,059	290	1,246
4	302	1,297	354	1,524
<u>York Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	140	600	163	701
1	160	688	189	812
2	203	875	236	1,013
3	274	1,201	323	1,388
4	274	1,201	326	1,403

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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TO: Municipal Officials/Welfare Directors/General Assistance Administrators
FROM: Sara Russell, General Assistance Program Manager
RE: 2018-2019 General Assistance Ordinance Maximums
DATE: August 30, 2018

Enclosed please find the following items:

- MMA's new (October 1, 2018–September 30, 2019) **“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 Quick Reference Sheet”** which consolidates GA maximums onto one form. This is meant to be a quick reference tool for municipal officials administering GA. A copy is being sent to your municipality based on your specific maximums.
- **“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.**



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The Adoption Process

The **municipal officers (i.e., selectpersons/council)** adopt the local **General Assistance Ordinance and yearly Appendices**, even in town meeting communities. The law requires that the municipal officers adopt the ordinance and/or Appendices **after notice and hearing**. Seven days posted notice is recommended, unless local law (or practice) provides otherwise. At the hearing, the municipal officers should:

- 1) Allow all interested members of the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed ordinance;
- 2) End public discussion, close the hearing; and
- 3) Move and vote to adopt the ordinance either in its posted form or as amended in light of public discussion.

Filing of GA Ordinance and/or Appendices

Please remember that General Assistance law requires each municipality to send DHHS a copy of its ordinance once adopted. *(For a copy of the GA model ordinance, please call MMA's Publication Department, or visit their web site www.memun.org).* In addition, any changes or amendments, such as new Appendices, must also be submitted to DHHS. DHHS will accept the enclosed "adoption sheet" as proof that a municipality has adopted the current GA maximums.