



**GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**



Meeting Date	09/16/2020	Department	General Assistance
Agenda Item	3.c Public Hearing for Proposed Amendments to the General Assistance Ordinance		
Est. Cost	n/a		

Background Information	<p>This will be a Public Hearing for proposed changes to the General Assistance Ordinance. These changes are initiated yearly by the State of Maine Department of Health and Family Services for consideration by each municipality.</p> <p>The following changes are noted and attached: Appendix A- Persons in the Household GA Overall Maximums Changed 1 person: \$752 to \$769 2 people: \$777 to \$786 3 people: \$969 to \$979 4 people: \$1,273 to \$1,284 5(+) people: \$1,360 to \$1,371</p> <p>Appendix B- 2020-2021 Food Maximums Each line increased by \$10.00 to \$60.00 (Please see sheet for details.)</p> <p>Appendix C- 2020-2021 Housing Maximums for Heated and Unheated All Heated and Unheated Categories Increased (Please see sheet for details.)</p> <p>Appendix D- Utilities No noted changes</p> <p>Appendix E- Heating Fuel No noted changes</p> <p>Appendix F- Personal Care No noted changes</p> <p>Appendix H- Funeral Maximums No noted changes</p> <p>Welfare Administrator Sherry Emmons will be present to answer any questions.</p>
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Requested Action	n/a
City Manager and/or Finance Review	n/a
Council Vote/ Action Taken	
Departmental Follow-Up	

City Clerk Use Only	1 st Reading _____	Advertised <u>09/09/2019</u>	EFFECTIVE DATE _____
	2 nd Reading _____	Advertised _____ w/in 15 Days	
	Final to Dept _____	Updated Book _____	Online _____

Public Notice
City of Gardiner

Will hold a Public Hearing
on Wednesday, September
16, 2020 at 6:00pm at
Gardiner City Hall (6
Church Street).

To consider the proposed
changes to the City's
General Assistance
Ordinance based on changes
made by the State of Maine.
For more information, visit
City Hall during normal
business hours or call 582-
4200.

Oct 1, 2020 to Sept 30, 2021

OVERALL MAXIMUMS

Persons in Household				
1	2	3	4	5
\$769	\$786	\$979	\$1,284	\$1,371

Household of 6 = \$1,446

* Add \$75 for each additional person

HOUSING MAXIMUMS

BEDROOM	UNHEATED		Heated	
	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

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:

Number in Household	Weekly	Monthly
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.

FOOD MAXIMUMS

Persons	Weekly	Monthly
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

Add \$146 per month for each + person

PERSONAL CARE & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES

Number in Household	Weekly Amount	Monthly Amount
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.

HEATING FUEL

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

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.

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:

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

***New - Appendix H Revisions

Burial Maximum: \$1,475
 Cremation Maximum: \$1,025

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:

Number in Household	Weekly	Monthly
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.

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