

**CITY OF HALLOWELL
PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

Relating to General Assistance

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Hallowell the Revised Code of Ordinances, City of Hallowell (1997) is amended as follows:

1. Subsection 10 of Section 10-202 is amended to read as follows:

10. Eligible Person. A person who is qualified to receive general assistance benefits from the municipality according to the standards of eligibility set forth in this ordinance, Maine General Assistance law (22 M.R.S.A. ch. 1161), and Maine Department of Health & Human Services regulations (10-144 C.M.R. ch. 323). If otherwise qualified, “Eligible Person” shall include U.S. citizens; non-U.S. citizens who are lawfully present in the United States as described in 8 U.S.C. § 1621(a)(1)-(3); and non-U.S. citizens who are pursuing a lawful process to apply for immigration relief. Assistance for non-citizens pursuing a lawful process for immigration relief shall not exceed 24 months beginning with assistance provided after July 1, 2015.~~(22 M.R.S.A. § 4301(3)).~~ “Eligible Person” does not include a fugitive from justice as defined in 15 M.R.S.A. § 201(4).

2. Subsection 2 of Section 10-404 is amended to read as follows:

2. Eligibility Requirements. The administrator will inform, either verbally or in writing, the applicant of the eligibility requirements of the program, including:
- A. the income standard of need;
 - B. the applicant’s ongoing use-of-income, work-related, and resource-related responsibilities, as described in the section immediately below;
 - C. the financial reduction in assistance that is the consequence of spending household income on non-basic necessities;~~and~~
 - D. immigration status (see definition of “Eligible Person”); and
 - ~~D~~E. the disqualification penalties associated with committing fraud, failing to perform work-related assignments without just cause, or failing to make a good faith effort to secure potential resources when the requirement to attempt to obtain those resources has been explained to the applicant in writing.

3. The Preamble to Subchapter V of Chapter 10 is amended to read as follows:

A person will be eligible for general assistance if he/she is an “Eligible Person” as defined in §10-202, is in need, and has complied with the eligibility requirements set forth below.

Emergency Declaration

The Council declares the existence of an emergency to comply with MMA General Assistance Guidelines which have been amended according to statutory changes made by the 127th Legislature.

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

Third Reading: _____

Ordinance No: _____

Effective Date: _____

City Clerk

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE
APPENDICES A – D
2016-2017**

The Municipality of Hallowell adopts the MMA Model Ordinance GA Appendices A–D for the period of October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017. 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 11th day of October, 2016, by the municipal officers:

Mark L. Walker, Mayor

(Signature)

George D. Lapointe, Councilor at Large

(Signature)

Alan B. Stearns, Councilor at Large

(Signature)

Kate Dufour, Councilor Ward 1

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Phillip W. Lindley, Councilor Ward 3

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Diano Circo, Councilor Ward 4

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Lisa M. Harvey-McPherson, Councilor Ward 5

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GA MAXIMUMS SUMMARY SHEET

Note: The overall maximums found in *Appendix A, B, C, D, E, and F* are effective from **October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017.**

APPENDIX A - OVERALL MAXIMUMS

<u>County</u>	<u>Persons in Household</u>				
	1	2	3	4	5
Kennebec	612	663	846	1,075	1,141

NOTE: For each additional person add \$75 per month.

(The applicable Figures from Appendix A, *once adopted*, should be inserted here.)

APPENDIX B - FOOD MAXIMUMS

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly Maximum</u>	<u>Monthly Maximum</u>
1	45.12	194
2	83.02	357
3	118.84	511
4	150.93	649
5	179.30	771
6	215.12	925
7	237.67	1,022
8	271.86	1,169

NOTE: For each additional person add \$146 per month.

APPENDIX C - HOUSING MAXIMUMS

Number of Bedrooms	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	104	448	128	549
1	109	469	138	593
2	142	609	177	763
3	184	792	228	980
4	186	801	240	1,030

(The applicable Figures from Appendix C, *once adopted*, should be inserted here.)

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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	\$19.70	\$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	\$20.08	\$86.00
2	\$23.75	\$102.00
3	\$27.70	\$119.00
4	\$32.25	\$139.00
5	\$37.30	\$160.00
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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