

General Assistance Ordinance Amendment Appendices A-H

Town of Bar Harbor

#2020-xx

An Amendment for the annual revision of maximum benefit levels for Appendices A-H for the period 10-1-2020 to 9-30-2021 pursuant to 22 MRSA 4305(4).

The Town of Bar Harbor hereby ordains that Chapter 102, General Assistance, of the Town Code is amended as follows:

[Please Note: Old language is ~~stricken~~. New language is underlined.]

CHAPTER 102 – GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Appendix A

Effective 10-1-2019~~20~~ to 9-30-2020~~21~~

GA OVERALL MAXIMUMS

Persons in Household	1	2	3	4	5*
Hancock County	818 <u>836</u>	855 <u>871</u>	1,036 <u>1,047</u>	1,307 <u>1,319</u>	1,433 <u>1,445</u>

Please Note: add \$75 for each additional person.

Appendix B

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FOOD MAXIMUMS

Please Note: The maximum amounts allowed for food are established in accordance with the USDA Thrifty Food Plan. As of October 1, 2019~~20~~, those amounts are:

Number in Household	Weekly Maximum	Monthly Maximum
1	45.12 <u>47.44</u>	194 <u>204</u>
2	82.56 <u>86.98</u>	355 <u>374</u>
3	118.37 <u>124.42</u>	509 <u>535</u>
4	150.23 <u>158.14</u>	646 <u>680</u>
5	178.60 <u>187.67</u>	768 <u>807</u>
6	214.19 <u>225.35</u>	921 <u>969</u>
7	236.74 <u>249.07</u>	1,018 <u>1,071</u>
8	270.70 <u>284.65</u>	1,164 <u>1,224</u>

Note: For each additional person add \$146153 per month.

Appendix C

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GA HOUSING MAXIMUMS

Bedrooms	Unheated		Heated	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
Hancock County				
0	155 <u>159</u>	667 <u>682</u>	178 <u>182</u>	764 <u>783</u>
1	155 <u>159</u>	667 <u>682</u>	184 <u>188</u>	791 <u>809</u>
2	184 <u>186</u>	792 <u>801</u>	223 <u>227</u>	958 <u>975</u>
3	234 <u>238</u>	1,007 <u>1,022</u>	283 <u>287</u>	1,216 <u>1,235</u>
4	248 <u>251</u>	1,067 <u>1,079</u>	308 <u>312</u>	1,324 <u>1,342</u>

Appendix D

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ELECTRIC UTILITY MAXIMUM

No changes

Appendix E

Effective 10-1-2019~~20~~ to 9-30-2020~~21~~

HEATING FUEL

No changes

Appendix F

Effective 10-1-2019~~20~~ to 9-30-2020~~21~~

PERSONAL CARE AND HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES

No changes

Appendix G

Effective ~~10-1-2007~~20 to ~~10-1-2008~~9-30-2021

MILEAGE RATE

Repeal and replace with:

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/>

Appendix H

Effective ~~10-1-2019~~20 to ~~9-30-2020~~21

FUNERAL MAXIMUM

Repeal and replace with:

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
- 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.