

# Town of Windham

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## MEMORANDUM

To : Town Council  
Tony Plante, Town Manager  
From : Phyllis Moss, Assistant Town Manager *P. Moss*  
Date : September 14, 2017  
Re : Recent Legislative Changes to the General Assistance Ordinance

Changes to the General Assistance Ordinance in the 2017- 2018 budget that require adoption by the Town include:

An **increase** to the overall maximum level of monthly assistance (based on the number of people in the household) as follows:

Last Year:

(1) \$838      (2) \$975      (3) \$1,220      (4) \$1,638      (5) \$1,717

Updated to:

(1) \$1,002      (2) \$1,131      (3) \$1,431      (4) \$1,931      (5) \$2,097

An **increase** to the overall monthly housing allowance (based on the number of bedrooms) as follows:

Unheated:

Last Year:

(0) \$674      (1) \$781      (2) \$983      (3) \$1,355      (4) \$1,377

Updated to:

(0) \$844      (1) \$943      (2) \$1,227      (3) \$1,658      (4) \$1,771

Heated:

Last Year:

(0) \$775      (1) \$905      (2) \$1,137      (3) \$1,543      (4) \$1,606

Updated to:

(0) \$942      (1) \$1,064      (2) \$1,354      (3) \$1,841      (4) \$1,994

**A slight decrease** in the overall monthly maximums for food (based upon the number of people in the household) as follows:

Last Year:

(1) \$194	(2) \$357	(3) \$511	(4) \$ 649
(5) \$771	(6) \$925	(7) \$1,022	(8) \$1,169

Updated to:

(2) \$192	(2) \$352	(3) \$504	(4) \$640
(5) \$760	(6) \$913	(7) \$1,009	(8) \$1,153

**A slight increase** in the overall monthly maximums for electricity for households with electric hot water (based upon the number of people in the household) as follows:

Last Year:

(1) \$ 82	(2) \$102	(3) \$119	(4) \$139	(5) \$160	(6) \$176
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Updated to:

(1) \$89	(2) \$102	(4) \$119	(4) \$139	(5) \$167	(6) \$176
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There were no changes to the maximum allowed for fuel, electricity for households without electric hot water, supplements for households for children under five and personal care/household supplies. The reimbursement rate from the State of Maine remains at seventy (70) percent.

I have attached the adoption sheet for Council signature and respectfully request that it be included in the September 26, 2017 agenda.

Attachments:

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2016 – 2017 G.A. Maximums Summary Sheet  
2017 – 2018 G.A. Maximums Summary Sheet  
G.A. Ordinance Appendices A – D  
2017 – 2018 Adoption Sheet