

Town of Windham

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MEMORANDUM

To : Town Council
Thru : Barry Tibbetts *P. Moss*
From : Phyllis Moss
Date : October 19, 2021
Re : Summary of Amendments to the Model G.A. Ordinance

The General Assistance Ordinance was updated as of September 2021. The Town Council adopted the changes to the maximums for assistance at its September 14, 2021 meeting. A summary of other amendments to the Ordinance are listed below.

- The adoption form on page 2 of the Ordinance was removed and provided to municipalities separately.
- The Ordinance was revised to add a definition of “recovery residence” and new section 5.1B to comply with legislation effective in October 2021. (Attachment A)

Recovery Residence as defined by MRS Title 5 is “a shared living residence for persons recovering from substance use disorder that is focused on peer support, provides to its residents an environment free of alcohol and illegal drugs and assists its residents by connecting the residents to support services or resources in the community that are available to persons recovering from substance use disorder.”

- The ordinance was also updated throughout with non-substantive stylistic changes.

I have attached a redlined version of the Ordinance (Attachment B), the Ordinances with Appendices updated as of September 2021 (Attachment C) and the adoption form for Council signature.

I respectfully request that the Town Council include the adoption of the new G.A. Ordinance (dated September 2021) at its November 23, 2021 meeting.

Attachments:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA c. 521, sub-c. 3A: Legislation re: Recovery
Redlined version of the G.A. Ordinance
GA Ordinance revised 9/2021
2021 GA Ordinance Adoption Form