

TOWN OF MILLINOCKET PUBLIC HEARING  
ORDINANCE #4-2021  
Chapter 75, A – I, Code of the Town of Millinocket  
General Assistance Ordinance Appendices Changes

The Millinocket Town Council will hold public hearings on Ordinance #4-2021, to amend Chapter 75, General Assistance of the Code of the Town of Millinocket by repealing Appendices A – H of the existing Ordinance and replacing with Appendices A – I.

The hearings will be held during the Council meetings of December 9, 2021, and December 23, 2021, in the Council Chambers located in the Municipal Building at 197 Penobscot Avenue, beginning at 4:30 PM.

Dated at Millinocket, ME

November 30, 2021

  
Diana M. Lakeman  
Town Clerk

**APPENDIX A**

**TOTAL MONTHLY ALLOWED GA MAXIMUMS**

<b>Person (s)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Penobscot(2021-2022)</b>	<b>748.00</b>	<b>750.00</b>	<b>992.00</b>	<b>1,243.00</b>	<b>1,357.00</b>
<b>(2019-2020)</b>	<b>741.00</b>	<b>742.00</b>	<b>981.00</b>	<b>1,229.00</b>	<b>1,341.00</b>

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\*Please Note: Add \$75 for each additional person

**NOTE: THIS WILL REPLACE THE TABLE IN CHAPTER 75,ARTICLEVI,  
SUBSECTION 75.33-(A).Page-7559.**

**APPENDIX B  
FOOD MAXIMUMS**

<b>Number in Household</b>	<b>Weekly Maximum</b>	<b>Monthly Maximum</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>58.14</b> (47.44)	<b>250.00</b> (204.00)
<b>2</b>	<b>106.74</b> (86.98)	<b>459.00</b> (374.00)
<b>3</b>	<b>153.02</b> (118.37)	<b>658.00</b> (509.00)
<b>4</b>	<b>194.19</b> (158.14)	<b>835.00</b> (680.00)
<b>5</b>	<b>230.70</b> (187.67)	<b>992.00</b> (807.00)
<b>6</b>	<b>276.74</b> (225.35)	<b>1,190.00</b> (969.00)
<b>7</b>	<b>306.05</b> (249.07)	<b>1,316.00</b> (1,071.00)
<b>8</b>	<b>349.77</b> (284.65)	<b>1,504.00</b> (1,224.00)

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Please Note: For additional persons, add \$188 per month  
Please Note: Last year amounts are in parentheses

**NOTE: THIS WILL REPLACE TABLE IN CHAPTER 75, ARTICLE VI,  
SUBSECTION 75.33.B.3.b, Page-7560.**

**APPENDIX C**  
**HOUSING MAXIMUMS**

**(Heated & Unheated Rents)**

<b>Penobscot County Bedrooms</b>	<b>Unheated Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Heated Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>138.00</b> (137.00)	<b>595.00</b> (587.00)	<b>162.00</b> (160.00)	<b>695.00</b> (628.00)
<b>1</b>	<b>138.00</b> (137.00)	<b>595.00</b> (587.00)	<b>162.00</b> (160.00)	<b>695.00</b> (688.00)
<b>2</b>	<b>173.00</b> (171.00)	<b>746.00</b> (735.00)	<b>214.00</b> (211.00)	<b>920.00</b> (909.00)
<b>3</b>	<b>220.00</b> (217.00)	<b>946.00</b> (932.00)	<b>270.00</b> (266.00)	<b>1,159.00</b> (1,145.00)
<b>4</b>	<b>230.00</b> (227.00)	<b>990.00</b> (975.00)	<b>292.00</b> (288.00)	<b>1,254.00</b> (1,238.00)

\*Please Note: Last years amounts are in parentheses

**NOTE: THIS WILL REPLACE THE TABLE IN CHAPTER 75, ARTICLE VI,  
SUBSECTION 75.33.B.4.g, Page-7567.**

**APPENDIX D**

**UTILITIES**

**WITHOUT ELECTRIC HOT WATER**

<b>No. Household</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>\$14.00</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>\$15.70</b>	<b>\$67.50</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>\$17.45</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>\$19.90</b>	<b>\$86.00</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>\$23.10</b>	<b>\$99.00</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$107.00</b>

**NOTE\* FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON ADD \$7.50 PER MONTH.**

**WITH ELECTRIC HOT WATER**

<b>No. Household</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>\$20.65</b>	<b>\$89.00</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>\$23.75</b>	<b>\$102.00</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>\$27.70</b>	<b>\$119.00</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>\$32.25</b>	<b>\$139.00</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>\$38.75</b>	<b>\$167.00</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>\$41.00</b>	<b>\$176.00</b>

**NOTE\* FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON ADD \$10.00 PER MONTH.**

**NOTE: THIS WILL REPLACE THE TABLE IN CHAPTER 75, ARTICLE VI, SUBSECTION 75.33-(C). Page-7568**

**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

## APPENDIX F

### PERSONAL CARE & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES

<b>No. Household</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
<b>1-2</b>	<b>10.50</b> (10.50)	<b>45.00</b> (45.00)
<b>3-4</b>	<b>11.60</b> (11.60)	<b>50.00</b> (50.00)
<b>5-6</b>	<b>12.80</b> (12.80)	<b>55.00</b> (55.00)
<b>7-8</b>	<b>14.00</b> (14.00)	<b>60.00</b> (60.00)

**NOTE: For each additional person add \$1.25 per week or \$5.00 per month.**

**BABY NEEDS**

<b>No. of Children</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>12.80</b> (12.80)	<b>55.00</b> (55.00)
<b>2</b>	<b>17.40</b> (17.40)	<b>75.00</b> (75.00)
<b>3</b>	<b>23.30</b> (23.30)	<b>100.00</b> (100.00)
<b>4</b>	<b>27.90</b> (27.90)	<b>120.00</b> (120.00)

**c. When an applicant can verify expenditures for the following items, a special supplement will be budgeted as necessary for households with children under six (6) (less than 5) years of age for items such as cloth or disposable diapers, laundry powder, oil, shampoo, and ointment up the following amounts:**

\*Please Note: Last years amount is in parentheses

**NOTE: THIS WILL REPLACE THE TABLE IN CHAPTER 75, ARTICLE VI, SUBSECTION 77.33.7.a, c, Page-7571**



## APPENDIX G

### **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/>

## **Funeral Maximums**

### **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.

## **Appendix H**

**Effective: 10/01/21 to 09/30/22**

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.

### 26 MRS § 1043 (23)

23. Misconduct. "Misconduct" means a culpable breach of the employee's duties or obligations to the employer or a pattern of irresponsible behavior, which in either case manifests a disregard for a material interest of the employer. This definition relates only to an employee's entitlement to benefits and does not preclude an employer from discharging an employee for actions that are not included in this definition of misconduct. A finding that an employee has not engaged in misconduct for purposes of this chapter may not be used as evidence that the employer lacked justification for discharge.

A. The following acts or omissions are presumed to manifest a disregard for a material interest of the employer. If a culpable breach or a pattern of irresponsible behavior is shown, these actions or omissions constitute "misconduct" as defined in this subsection. This does not preclude other acts or omissions from being considered to manifest a disregard for a material interest of the employer. The acts or omissions included in the presumption are the following:

- (1) Refusal, knowing failure or recurring neglect to perform reasonable and proper duties assigned by the employer;
- (2) Unreasonable violation of rules that are reasonably imposed and communicated and equitably enforced;
- (3) Unreasonable violation of rules that should be inferred to exist from common knowledge or from the nature of the employment;
- (4) Failure to exercise due care for punctuality or attendance after warnings;
- (5) Providing false information on material issues relating to the employee's eligibility to do the work or false information or dishonesty that may substantially jeopardize a material interest of the employer;
- (6) Intoxication while on duty or when reporting to work, or unauthorized use of alcohol or marijuana while on duty except for the use of marijuana permitted under Title 22, chapter 558-C;
- (7) Using illegal drugs or being under the influence of such drugs while on duty or when reporting to work;
- (8) Unauthorized sleeping while on duty;
- (9) Insubordination or refusal without good cause to follow reasonable and proper instructions from the employer;
- (10) Abusive or assaultive behavior while on duty, except as necessary for self-defense;
- (11) Destruction or theft of things valuable to the employer or another employee;
- (12) Substantially endangering the safety of the employee, coworkers, customers or members of the public while on duty;
- (13) Conviction of a crime in connection with the employment or a crime that reflects adversely on the employee's qualifications to perform the work; or
- (14) Absence for more than 2 work days due to incarceration for conviction of a crime.

[PL2019, c. 125, §1 (AMD).]

## Appendix I

B. "Misconduct" may not be found solely on:

- (1) An isolated error in judgment or a failure to perform satisfactorily when the employee has made a good faith effort to perform the duties assigned;
- (2) Absenteeism caused by illness of the employee or an immediate family member if the employee made reasonable efforts to give notice of the absence and to comply with the employer's notification rules and policies; or
- (3) Actions taken by the employee that were necessary to protect the employee or an immediate family member from domestic violence if the employee made all reasonable efforts to preserve the employment.

[PL 2019, c. 125, §1 (AMD).]