

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF
OLD ORCHARD BEACH

The Municipal Officers of the Town of Old Orchard Beach, Maine hereby give Public Notice that there will be a Public Hearing held at the Town Hall, Council Chambers, on October 6th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following:

Shall the Town Council of the Town of Old Orchard Beach amend the General Assistance Ordinance by changing the dollar amounts allowed for Overall Maximums, Food Maximums, Housing Maximums, Utilities, Heating Fuel, and Personal Care & Household Supplies by deleting the strikethrough amounts and adopting the underscored amounts, as follows:

Amend Section 6.8 Basic necessities; Overall maximum levels of assistance

No. in Household	CURRENT MONTHLY	<u>PROPOSED MONTHLY</u>
1	\$762.00	<u>\$803.00</u>
2	\$901.00	<u>\$956.00</u>
3	\$1163.00	<u>\$1181.00</u>
4	\$1463.00	<u>\$1563.00</u>
5	\$1565.00	<u>\$1641.00</u>
6	\$1640.00	<u>\$1716.00</u>

*Add ~~\$68.00~~ \$75.00 a month for each additional person.

Section 6.8 a) Food

No. of Household	CURRENT WEEKLY	<u>PROPOSED WEEKLY</u>	CURRENT MONTHLY	<u>PROPOSED MONTHLY</u>
1	\$46.51	<u>\$45.12</u>	\$200.00	<u>\$194.00</u>
2	\$85.35	<u>\$83.02</u>	\$367.00	<u>\$357.00</u>
3	\$122.33	<u>\$118.84</u>	\$526.00	<u>\$511.00</u>
4	\$155.35	<u>\$150.93</u>	\$668.00	<u>\$649.00</u>
5	\$184.42	<u>\$179.30</u>	\$793.00	<u>\$771.00</u>
6	\$221.40	<u>\$215.12</u>	\$952.00	<u>\$925.00</u>
7	\$244.65	<u>\$237.67</u>	\$1,052.00	<u>\$1,022.00</u>
8	\$279.53	<u>\$271.86</u>	\$1,202.00	<u>\$1,169.00</u>

Decrease Additional persons from \$150.00 to \$146.00 per month.

Amend Section 6.8 Basic necessities; Housing maximums

Bedrooms	UNHEATED			
	CURRENT WEEKLY	<u>PROPOSED WEEKLY</u>	CURRENT MONTHLY	<u>PROPOSED MONTHLY</u>
0	126.00	<u>148.00</u>	541.00	<u>636.00</u>
1	126.00	<u>176.00</u>	541.00	<u>757.00</u>
2	156.00	<u>218.00</u>	672.00	<u>939.00</u>
3	216.00	<u>296.00</u>	928.00	<u>1,272.00</u>
4	216.00	<u>301.00</u>	928.00	<u>1,293.00</u>

Bedrooms	HEATED			
	CURRENT WEEKLY	<u>PROPOSED WEEKLY</u>	CURRENT MONTHLY	<u>PROPOSED MONTHLY</u>
0	139.00	<u>172.00</u>	596.00	<u>740.00</u>
1	147.00	<u>206.00</u>	633.00	<u>886.00</u>
2	188.00	<u>256.00</u>	810.00	<u>1,099.00</u>
3	259.00	<u>341.00</u>	1,114.00	<u>1,468.00</u>
4	266.00	<u>356.00</u>	1,143.00	<u>1,531.00</u>

C. Utilities. 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 are:

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	Proposed	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1	\$14.00		\$60.00	
2	\$15.70		\$67.50	
3	\$17.45		\$75.00	
4	\$19.20	<u>\$19.70</u>	\$82.50	<u>\$86.00</u>
5	\$23.10		\$99.00	
6	\$25.00		\$107.00	

*Add \$7.50 a month for each additional family member.

Electricity Maximums for Households that Use Electrically Heated Hot Water. The maximum amount allowed for electric utilities for dwelling units that have electrically heated hot water shall be \$70 per month for the first member of the household, with an additional \$10 per month for each additional household member.

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1	\$19.10		\$82.00	<u>\$86.00</u>
2	\$23.75		\$102.00	
3	\$27.70		\$119.00	
4	\$32.25		\$139.00	
5	\$37.30		\$160.00	
6	<u>\$41.00</u>		<u>\$176.00</u>	

(RE-ADOPT THIS SECTION WITH NO CHANGES) D) Fuel. Expenses for home heating will be budgeted according to the actual need for fuel during the heating season (September through May) provided such expenses are reasonable, and at other times during the year when the administrator determines the request for fuel assistance is reasonable and appropriate.

Assistance will be granted to eligible applicants on the basis of their most recent bill. The municipality is not responsible for back bills except in an emergency as provided in section 4.9. Applicants are responsible for monitoring their fuel supply and requesting assistance prior to depleting their fuel supply. When applicants who have been informed of this responsibility run out of fuel nonetheless, and can show no just cause for failing to give the administrator timely notice of their need for fuel, the administrator shall find that the emergency was not beyond the applicants' control, and process the emergency request accordingly, pursuant to section 4.9 of this ordinance.

When considering requests for heating fuel, eligible applicants will be granted assistance with the actual amount necessary up to the following maximums:

<u>Month</u> <u>Gallons</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Month</u>	
September	50	January	225
October	100	February	225
November	200	March	125
December	200	April	125
	May	50	

(RE-ADOPT THIS SECTION WITH NO CHANGES) E. Personal Care and Household Supplies. Expenses for ordinary personal and household supplies will be budgeted and allowed according to the applicant's actual need for these items, up to the maximums below. Personal and household supplies include: hand soap, toothpaste, shampoo, shaving cream, deodorant, dish detergent, laundry supplies and costs, household cleaning supplies, razors, paper products such as toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, garbage/trash bags, and light bulbs

<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

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

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
2	\$17.40	\$75
3	\$23.30	\$100
4	\$27.90	\$120

Per Order of the Municipal Officers this 15TH day of September, 2015.

A True Copy

Attest:

s/Kim M. McLaughlin

Kim M. McLaughlin, Town Clerk