

**Sample General Assistance Program Ordinance Amendment to Incorporate the FY 2013
“Temporary” Housing Assistance Limit**

Amend Article VI, Section 6.8 (B) of the General Assistance Ordinance adopted by the municipal officers in the City of Augusta, Maine, to be effective on and after July 1, 2012, as follows:

- B) **Housing.** The administrator will provide assistance with rent or mortgage payments that are reasonable within the allowed maximum levels and in accordance with the housing assistance limits and exceptions provided in Title 22, section 4308, subsections 1-A and 1-B . See Appendix C of this ordinance for the current year’s housing maximums. It is the applicant’s responsibility to find suitable housing, although the administrator may help the applicant find housing when appropriate. The administrator will inform the applicant of the allowed housing maximums to assist the applicant in his or her search for housing. The allowed maximum for any applicant will be the categorical housing maximum representing the minimum dwelling unit space necessary to adequately shelter the applicant household. Applicants requesting assistance for housing that contains more bedrooms than are necessary for the number of household members will be provided assistance according to the maximum level of the number of rooms actually needed.