

XVII. Application of Rents Paid by the Town of Francestown

Whenever the owner of property rented to a person receiving general assistance from the Town of Francestown is in arrears in sewer, water, electricity, or tax payments to the Town of Francestown, the Town of Francestown may apply the assistance which the property owner would have received in payment of rent on behalf of such assisted person to the property owner's delinquent balances, regardless of whether such delinquent balances are in respect of property occupied by the assisted person. RSA 165:4-a.

A. Payment Arrears

A payment shall be considered in arrears if more than thirty (30) days have elapsed since the mailing of the bill, or in the case of real estate taxes, if interest has begun to accrue pursuant to RSA 76:13. RSA 165:4-a.

B. Order of Priority

Delinquent balances will be offset in order of the following priority: 1) tax payments; 2) water; 3) electricity.

C. Procedure

1. The Public Assistance Administrator will issue a voucher on behalf of the tenant to the landlord for the allowed amount of rent. The voucher will indicate any amount to be applied to a delinquent balance owed by the landlord, specifying which delinquency and referring to the authority of RSA 165:4-a.
2. The Public Assistance Administrator will issue a duplicate voucher to the appropriate department (i.e.: tax collector, water precinct, municipal electric facility), which shall forward the voucher to the treasurer or finance director for payment. Upon receipt of payment, the department will issue a receipt of payment to the delinquent landlord.