

X. Lien on Real Property & Civil Judgments

As required by law ([RSA 165:28](#)), the City will place a lien on any real property owned by a recipient of General Assistance except for just cause. Such a lien will remain in effect during the recipient's lifetime or until the amount of General Assistance provided by the City Welfare Department is repaid. Interest will accrue at 6% per annum after the first twelve months. The property does not need to be a primary residence of the recipient or located in Berlin for the City to place a lien on it.

The City is also entitled to a lien for the amount of assistance granted to a recipient of General Assistance upon property passing under the terms of a will or by intestate succession, a property settlement or a civil judgment awarded for personal injuries. The City is entitled to the lien only if the assistance was granted no more than 6 years before the receipt of the inheritance or award ([RSA 165:28-a](#)).