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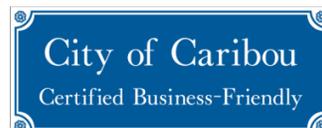
### **AGENDA Caribou City Council Regular City Council Meeting 7:00 P.M. Monday, October 27, 2014 Caribou City Council Chambers**

1. Public Input
2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest from the City Council regarding any agenda item.
3. General Assistance Ordinance Amendments
4. Downtown Street repairs for 2015
5. Other Business
6. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter.
7. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405 (6) (C) to discuss Economic Development.

#### **Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

Regular City Council Meeting, November 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting, November 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.





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GENERAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE  
CARIBOU, MAINE

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To: Mayor and Council Members, and City Manager  
From: Jayne R. Farrin, General Assistance Administrator  
Date: October 27, 2014  
Re: General Assistance Ordinance Amendment

Below is the proposed 2014-2015 General Assistance Ordinance Appendix B and C. These numbers are updated on an annual basis.

For Appendix B the maximum amounts allowed for food are established in accordance with the U.S.D.A Thrifty Food Plan.

Appendix C is a listing of the maximum levels of assistance for heating (both heated and unheated). These maximum levels were developed by MMA using 2012-2013 HUD Fair Market Rent values that include utility costs. Because the FMR numbers include utility and heating costs, the applicable average utility and heating allowances, as developed by the Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA), are subtracted from the FMR to obtain a pure "housing" cost.

The public hearing has been scheduled for tonight, after that the Council may act on the ordinance.

I will be available during the public hearing to answer any questions the Council may have.

Councilor \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 7, 2014 Series  
City of Caribou  
County of Aroostook  
State of Maine

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 General Assistance**

Short Title: An Ordinance Amending General Assistance Guidelines.

The City Council of the City of Caribou, County of Aroostook, State of Maine, pursuant to the requirements of the City of Caribou Charter, Section 2.11 (1) does ordain the following:

**Appendix B of Chapter 17 of the Caribou City Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:**

**Appendix B**

A listing of the maximum levels of assistance food. These maximum levels shall be the same as the USDA Thrifty Food Plan, which are presumed to be reasonable by regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services, as they may be amended from time to time. Through October 1, 2014 these amounts are

<b>Number in Household</b>	<b>Weekly Maximum</b>	<b>Monthly Maximum</b>
1	<del>\$43.95</del> <u>45.12</u>	<del>\$189</del> <u>194</u>
2	<del>\$80.70</del> <u>83.02</u>	<del>\$347</del> <u>357</u>
3	<del>\$115.58</del> <u>118.84</u>	<del>\$497</del> <u>511</u>
4	<del>\$146.97</del> <u>150.93</u>	<del>\$632</del> <u>649</u>
5	<del>\$174.42</del> <u>179.30</u>	<del>\$750</del> <u>771</u>
6	<del>\$209.30</del> <u>215.12</u>	<del>\$900</del> <u>925</u>
7	<del>\$231.40</del> <u>237.67</u>	<del>\$995</del> <u>1,022</u>
8	<del>\$264.42</del> <u>271.86</u>	<del>\$1,137</del> <u>1,169</u>

**For each additional person \$146 per month will be added.**

**Appendix C of Chapter 17 of the Caribou City Ordinances is hereby repealed.**

**Appendix C of Chapter 17 of the Caribou City Ordinances shall read as follows:**

A listing of the maximum levels of assistance for housing (both heated and unheated).

Number of Bedrooms	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0		\$362.00		\$461.00
1		\$362.00		\$487.00
2		\$426.00		\$584.00
3		\$575.00		\$770.00
4		\$614.00		\$848.00

This ordinance, being introduced on October 14, 2014 and a public hearing being held on October 27, 2014 was duly passed by the City Council of the City of Caribou, Maine, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2014.

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Gary Aiken, Mayor

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Kenneth G. Murchison Jr, Councilor

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Shane McDougall, Councilor

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David Martin, Councilor

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Philip J. McDonough II, Councilor

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Joan Theriault, Councilor

Attest:

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Jayne R. Farrin, City Clerk



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
CARIBOU, MAINE

To: Mayor and City Councilors  
From: Austin Bless, City Manager  
Date: September 27, 2014  
Re: Downtown Street repairs for 2015

As we have briefly discussed during the budget process there is an opportunity for the City to do a 2 inch mill and fill on Herschel St, Sweden St, Record St, and part of Hatch Drive. The areas that would be done are highlighted on the map that follows.

This would be done utilizing a state program that does a 50/50 cost share with city. Typically a fully funded state program would do a better cost share than this, but these roads are not on the docket to be completed any time soon.

The estimate for this project to be completed is \$200,000. We have set aside \$125,000 in the Economic Development funds for “infrastructure” for the 2015 budget year. So this would come in within the budget, under current projections.

I am sure every councilor is familiar with the condition of these roads. They are in pretty rough shape and each winter and spring we have to fix a large number of potholes on these streets.

What we would need tonight is for the Council to authorize us to work with DOT to get this project done. As DOT is currently working on their project schedule we would need to contact them soon to let them know if we are interested or not.

