

Chapter 18 – Caribou Municipal Airport

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ARTICLE I AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 18-101 Airport Department Established

There is hereby established a department known as the Caribou Municipal Airport Department. The airport shall be operated by City Manager, acting as Airport Manager pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA). The Airport Manager, or his authorized agents, shall have responsibility to enforce all rules promulgated by the city council, the state of Maine and the FAA and shall, at their discretion, provide for an orderly use of the airport and its facilities.

Sec. 18-102 Aircraft Regulations

1. Definitions: The following words and phrases used in this section shall have the following meaning unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

ACROBATIC FLYING: Any intentional airplane maneuver or stunt not necessary to air navigation, or operation of aircraft in such manner as to endanger human life or safety by the performance of unusual or dangerous maneuvers.

AIRCRAFT: Any aeroplane, airplane, gas bag, flying machine, balloon, any contrivance now known or hereafter invented, used or designed for navigation of or flight in the air, except a parachute or other contrivance used primarily as safety equipment.

2. Exceptions To Applicability: The provisions of this section shall not apply to public aircraft of the federal government, or of a state or territory, or of a political subdivision of a state or territory, or to aircraft licensed by a foreign country with which the United States has a reciprocal agreement covering operation of such aircraft.
3. Minimum Height Limits For Aircraft: Except while taking off or landing at an established landing field or airport, no person shall fly or permit any aircraft to be flown within the city, except at a height sufficient to permit a reasonably safe emergency landing, which in no case

shall be less than one thousand feet (1,000'); provided, that the provisions of this subsection may be deviated from when special circumstances render a departure necessary to avoid immediate danger or when such departure is required because of stress of weather conditions or other unavoidable cause.

4. Operators Of Aircraft To Be Licensed: No person shall operate any aircraft within or over the city unless such person has first been issued an airman certificate by the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) and unless such aircraft shall have first received a certificate of airworthiness from the FAA.
5. Operation Subject To Federal Air Traffic Rules: No person shall operate any aircraft over or within the city in violation of any valid air traffic or other rule or regulation established by the FAA.
6. Acrobatic Flying Prohibited: Acrobatic flying by any person flying over any portion of the city is hereby prohibited.
7. Landing At Other Than Established Airport Prohibited: Except in case of emergency, no person shall land any aircraft within the city except upon a regularly established airport field or landing place.
8. Lights Or Night Operation Of Aircraft: All aircraft when flying within or over the corporate limits at night shall have lights and other equipment required for such flying by the rules, regulations or orders of the FAA.
9. Noise By Aircraft Operation: Unnecessary noise by operators of aircraft within or over the city is hereby prohibited.
10. Dropping Objects From Aircraft Prohibited: No person in any aircraft shall cause or permit to be thrown out, discharged or dropped within the corporate limits, any object or thing, except loose water or loose sand ballast when absolutely essential to the safety of the occupants of the aircraft and except as provided in subsection 11 of this section.
11. Permits Required For Exhibition Flights, Carrying Of Banners, Distribution Of Circulars, Loudspeaking Devices And Carrying Of Explosives. No person shall make exhibition flights by carrying banners on, distributing circulars from, or operating a loud speaking device from any aircraft flying within or over the corporate limits without first obtaining a permit to do so from the Airport Manager, and payment of a permit fee in such amount as established by the city council for each flight. The Airport Manager shall issue such permit if the person who will operate the aircraft, in carrying out any of the objects named in this section, is duly licensed by the FAA, the aircraft to be used is licensed by the FAA, and the safety or lives or the inhabitants of the city will not be endangered by the proposed flight; provided, that the permits provided for in this section may be issued by the Airport Manager for up to six (6) months rather than for individual flights, if the safety or lives of the inhabitants of the city will not be endangered by such permit and a permit fee in such amount as established by the city council is paid. The six (6) month permit shall be revoked upon violation of any provision of this chapter.

Sec. 18-103 Penalty

It shall be a class B misdemeanor for any person to violate any rule or regulation promulgated by the city council, or any reasonable direction of the Airport Manager made to maintain the orderly use of the airport and its facilities.

ARTICLE II AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

18-201 Purpose

The purpose of the Airport Advisory Committee is to advise the City Council and Airport Manager on issues related to the improvement and operation of the Caribou Municipal Airport. The Airport Advisory Committee derives all its authority from the City Council and as such shall only have those powers specifically granted by Council Order. The Advisory Committee's vision is to provide aviation, operational, development and business advice to City Management as well as foster a sustainable City Department that operates independently from the City tax base to the extent practicable. The Airport Committee shall:

1. Support and assist in the management and development of the airport;
2. Promote airport safety and operational efficiency;
3. Collaborate with the community and foster good public relations;

Cooperate with organizations working for the general benefit of the airport, its neighborhood and the City

18-202 Committee Membership

The Committee shall be composed of (7) seven voting members appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the City Council. The membership shall be three-year terms and include four (4) Citizens of Caribou qualified to vote in City affairs who may or may not hold a pilot's certificate, one (1) incumbent City Councilor, two (2) persons who need not be residents of Caribou but own property at the airport or who base an aircraft at the Caribou Municipal Airport.

The Airport Manager shall attend all meetings of the Committee and may take part in all discussions but may not vote.

No person who serves as an FBO at Caribou Municipal Airport or who works as an employee for the FBO may serve on the Airport Advisory Committee.

18-203 Committee Officers

Annually the Committee shall elect a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. The Chair shall be responsible for the orderly conduct of the meetings and in his or her absence the Vice Chair shall assume this responsibility. The secretary shall keep a record of all meetings which shall be delivered to the Airport Manager within two weeks following each meeting.

The Chair shall regularly attend City Council meetings to advise/inform the City Council of business/actions at the airport.

18-204 Meetings

The Committee shall meet on a monthly basis at a time and place convenient for the majority of members. All meetings must be held in public session with proper notice to the public in accordance with M.R.S.A.

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