



SAMPLE BALLOT

CARIBOU, MAINE MUNICIPAL

ELECTION TUESDAY,

NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Town Clerk

Instructions to Voters

- ◆ To vote for your choice, fill in the oval to the left like this: ●.
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

Councilor Vote for no more than THREE 3 Year Term	Regional School Unit #39 Board Vote for no more than TWO 3 Year Term	Jefferson Cary Memorial Hospital Fund Vote for ONE 3 Year Term
☐ George LaCasse Jr.	☐ Dale Gordon	☐ Tiffany Stewart
☐ Tamara Lovewell	☐ Christina Peterson	☐ Write-in.....
☐ Jeff Whitney	☐ Melissa Swanberg	
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Authorization to Purchase a Replacement Aerial Ladder Truck

Shall the City of Caribou be authorized to expend up to \$2,900,000 for the purchase of a replacement aerial ladder truck, together with all necessary equipment and accessories for the Caribou Fire & Ambulance Department to be funded from any combination of municipal funds, reserves, grants, the issuance of bonds, lease-purchase, or bank financing as determined by the City Council. "The City Council recommends approval."

The Caribou Fire & Ambulance Department is requesting voter authorization to expend up to \$2,900,000 for the purchase of a replacement aerial ladder truck. The department's current ladder truck has served the city well for many years but has reached the end of its reliable service life. As emergency apparatus ages, maintenance costs continue to increase, replacement parts become more difficult to obtain, and the likelihood of extended downtime rises significantly. These factors reduce operational reliability and can impact the department's ability to respond effectively to emergencies. An aerial ladder truck is one of the department's most critical emergency response vehicles. It provides elevated access for rescue operations, aerial fire suppression, roof ventilation, elevated master stream operations, technical rescue capabilities, and firefighter access to upper floors of residential, commercial, industrial, educational, and healthcare facilities. The apparatus also responds throughout Aroostook County under mutual aid agreements when neighboring communities require aerial resources. The City of Caribou protects a diverse community that includes multi-story apartment buildings, schools, healthcare facilities, commercial occupancies, industrial properties, municipal buildings, and other structures where aerial capabilities are essential for effective emergency operations. The proposed authorization establishes a maximum expenditure of \$2,900,000. The actual purchase price will depend on final specifications, competitive bidding, available grants, and financing options. Approval of the referendum does not require the City to spend the full authorized amount but instead provides flexibility to secure the best available pricing and financing while ensuring the city can purchase a modern aerial ladder truck that meets current operational and safety standards. Replacing the department's aging aerial ladder truck will improve operational reliability, reduce escalating maintenance expenses, enhance firefighter safety through modern technology and safety features, and ensure the city continues to provide the high level of fire protection and emergency response services expected by the citizens of Caribou.

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

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