

ARBORIST 1

CLASS DESCRIPTION

General Responsibilities:

This is responsible skilled manual work in the care and maintenance of City trees and shrubs. The work includes the trimming, pruning, repairing, spraying and removal of trees; the preparation and planting of new trees; and the maintenance of related equipment. Work is performed under the general leadership of an Arborist 2 with overall supervision received from a Tree Trimmer Foreperson.

Examples of Duties and Responsibilities:

Trim, spray, plant and remove trees (along streets and on other City properties) and perform other related tasks in conjunction with the care and treatment of City trees. Conduct related inspections and identify and treat diseases, tree injuries and infestations. Provide information to the public concerning tree trimming and related tree care activities.

Climb trees using ladders, rope and saddle, or other methods. Trim or cut branches using chain saws, handsaws or other equipment. Perform related maintenance. Perform tree removal with an aerial tower or rope and saddle.

Cable, bolt and guy weak branches and trees. Cut and remove decayed and diseased tree parts.

Prune small trees from the ground using a pole saw and pole prunes.

Operate, perform related safety checks, and assist in the maintenance of aerial towers, assigned vehicles and other equipment.

Pick up, prepare and plant new trees in housing developments, parks and other locations.

Operate brush chippers and large log hauling trucks.

Repair trees damaged by vehicles and storms.

Perform related work as required.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

Working knowledge of tree care and the methods, techniques and equipment used in pruning, trimming, spraying, planting and removal of trees. Working knowledge of the precautions and equipment necessary to perform the work safely. Ability to operate and maintain specialized tree trimming, forestry tools and equipment such as chain and hand saws, pole

pruners, chipper, augers, ropes, ladders, dump truck, aerial tower and cabling and rodding equipment. Ability to climb trees and work with equipment at varying heights and angles. Ability to move ladders and lift logs and branches. Ability to perform very strenuous physical activity. Ability to work in adverse weather conditions. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with staff and the general public. Skill in trimming, removing, repairing and planting trees. Ability to maintain required licenses and certifications. Ability to maintain adequate attendance.

Training and Experience:

Two years of responsible experience in tree trimming and related tree care activities which involved significant experience in operating specialized tree trimming equipment. Other combinations of training and/or experience which can be demonstrated to result in the possession of the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to perform the duties of this position will also be considered.

Necessary Special Qualifications:

Possession of a valid Class B Commercial Driver's License. The successful candidate must have passed the written portion of the relevant Department of Transportation testing process before starting employment. A condition of continued employment is passage of the skills portion of the test and obtaining the required operator's license within a specified timeframe.

Certification in CPR and first aid or the ability to obtain certification within the probation/trial period. Failure to obtain this certification within the probation/trial period will result in the employee not passing probation/trial period, absent extenuating circumstances.

Employees in this position must be able to lift/carry objects weighing up to 50 pounds and must be capable of lifting heavier objects with another employee. This position requires a high percentage of work outdoors in all types of weather and at various heights above the ground. In addition, employees must be able to frequently bend, twist, squat, climb and reach for extended periods of time.

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| Public Works/Parks | 16 | 10 |

Approved: _____
 Brad Wirtz
 Human Resources Director
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