

JOURNEYMAN TREE TRIMMER

*Class specifications are intended to present a descriptive list of the range of duties performed by employees in the class. Specifications are **not** intended to reflect all duties performed within the job.*

JOB OBJECTIVES

To perform a variety of journey level duties in the trimming and removal of trees; to operate maintenance and construction tools and equipment; and to perform a variety of tasks relative to assigned area of responsibility.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives general supervision from higher level management or supervisory staff.
May supervise tree trimming crew on occasion.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

The following tasks are typical for positions in this classification. Any single position may not perform all of these tasks and/or may perform similar related tasks not listed here:

1. Perform various journey level tree trimming functions, including trimming and pruning trees to provide clearance of power lines, streets, sidewalks, signs and lights; performs duties in compliance with City policies, State and Federal OSHA rules and regulations.
2. Remove trees and brush; chips and disposes of brush; cuts up, hauls and disposes of felled trees, stumps, fallen limbs and related debris; ensures equipment is operating properly.
3. Assist line crew with the construction and maintenance of overhead and underground electric lines; locate underground electrical lines; read electrical meters.
4. Maintain and operate a variety of tree maintenance equipment and tools, including aerial lift, power saws (i.e. chain saws, pole saws), power winches, chipper sprayers, ladders, hydraulic loppers, pneumatic tools and related equipment.
5. Operate a variety of hand and small power tools and equipment such as axes, hand lines, chainsaws, block and tackle, pruners and various other equipment in support of tree maintenance and removal operations.
6. Provide courteous customer service; respond to questions and inquiries from the general public regarding various maintenance projects.
7. Perform related duties and responsibilities as required.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Operations, services and activities of a tree trimming and maintenance program.
Operational characteristics of tree trimming and maintenance equipment.
Occupational hazards and standard safety precautions.
Operational characteristics and maintenance requirements of power-driven equipment.
Pertinent Federal, State and local laws, codes and regulations.

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Ability to:

Perform journey level tree trimming duties to provide for utility line clearance according to applicable guidelines.
Climb trees and operate equipment used to trim, remove, and dispose of trees, shrubs and plants located near energized power lines.
Perform preventive maintenance on assigned equipment.
Identify energized and de-energized conductors.
Identify voltage of energized power lines.
Operate a variety of tree trimming equipment and tools in a safe and effective manner.
Ensure adherence to safe work practices and procedures.
Understand and follow oral and written instructions.
Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Education and Experience Guidelines

Any combination of education and experience that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Education:

Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade.

Experience:

Completion of Line Clearance Tree Trimming Apprenticeship plus two years of increasingly responsible tree trimming and maintenance experience.

License or Certificate

Possession of an appropriate, valid commercial driver's license with proper endorsements.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORKING CONDITIONS

The physical demands herein are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform these essential job functions.

Environment: Field environment; travel from site to site; trim and remove trees near energized electrical lines, on slippery surfaces; exposure to high voltage power lines, construction equipment, inclement weather conditions, noise, dust, and gases.

Mobility: Incumbents require sufficient mobility to perform moderate or heavy lifting and carrying; to walk, stand or sit for prolonged periods of time; to climb trees; and to operate motorized equipment and vehicles.

Vision: Vision sufficient to distinguish colors, read small print and operate assigned machinery and equipment.