



City of Woodland

SENIOR TREE TRIMMER

DEFINITION

To perform a variety of skilled work involving the trimming, pruning, removal, installation and general maintenance of trees; to operate equipment; and to serve as a lead member on a tree maintenance work crew. To provide direction to tree trimming crews, and to perform administrative duties as necessary.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

This is an advanced journey level class in the Tree Trimmer series. General supervision is provided by the Infrastructure Operations and Maintenance Manager/Superintendent or designee. Responsibilities may include providing lead supervision and training for semi-skilled and skilled tree maintenance personnel. Positions assigned to this class perform the full range of duties normally expected of Tree Trimmers. In addition, a Senior Tree Trimmer is expected to perform the most difficult tree trimming, installation, and removal work, perform lead supervision for a tree trimming work crew, and assist in the training of less experienced tree maintenance personnel.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

The following are typical illustrations of duties encompassed by the job class, not an all inclusive or limiting list:

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

Use ropes, high ranger, hand saws, and power saws to trim trees. Rig ropes in trees and determine placement of ropes for easiest and safest removal of limbs. Check location of power lines, personnel, equipment, pedestrians, and traffic before cutting limbs. Check ropes for wear and breakage; clean and maintain trimming equipment. Work both independently and as a crew member in removing trees and stumps. Plant, spray, and inject trees with pesticides/herbicides as necessary. Operate a chipper, aerial truck and mist sprayer. Utilize proper safety precautions and set proper example for others. Inspect tree trimming, installation, removal and other work to be done; determine scope of work required, estimate time and material requirements. Assist in the scheduling and prioritizing of tree maintenance work and maintain routine records. Assist in the training, supervision and evaluation of less experienced personnel. Regular and consistent attendance

OTHER JOB FUNCTIONS

Provide general information to the public, other city departments, and vendors pertaining to area of assignment. Respond to emergency situations after regular working hours. May perform grounds maintenance or other public works maintenance work when not assigned to tree trimming duties. Work cooperatively with others. Perform related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Tree diseases and pests and the proper methods for their eradication. Tree planting, trimming, and maintenance techniques. Chemicals and sprays commonly used for tree and shrub care and their proper application. Tools, methods, and techniques for accomplishing difficult tree trimming, removal and installation work. Safe work practices and hazards associated with the work. Principles of supervision and training.

Skill to:

Detect tree diseases and hazardous conditions and effectively control and/or resolve the problem. Perform the most complex and hazardous tree trimming and general maintenance work in a safe and effective way. Maintain routine records. Collect and enter data in an electronic format. Organize and prioritize work load for self and others. Supervise and train less experienced personnel.

Ability to:

Establish and maintain effective work relationships with those contacted in the performance of required duties

Minimum Education and Experience:

Education:

High School diploma or equivalent.

Experience:

Three years of experience performing journey level tree maintenance work.

License and Certificate:

Required upon hire, possession of a valid Class B California Driver's License with Tank and Air Brake endorsement. Possession of a Qualified Applicator Certificate from the State of California, Department of Pesticide Regulations, Work Zone Safety I certificate from the International Municipal Signal Association, valid First Aid and CPR certifications, are required within prior to permanent appointment. Certification as an Arborist by the International Society of Arboriculture is desired.

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