

TREE TRIMMER

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, performs skilled and semi-skilled work in maintaining trees on public grounds and rights of way; supervises a tree trimming crew and performs other related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is a journey level classification and it is expected that the incumbent would perform the full range of tree trimming duties as assigned and possess knowledge of Bay Area trees, tools, and tree trimming techniques.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Receives general direction from the Landscape Maintenance Supervisor, or designee.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED

May provide technical supervision over less experienced staff.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Operates aerial hightower unit and associated tools and equipment used in tree crew operations.

Trims, tops, fells, and cables trees.

May use rope and saddle in trimming and felling operations.

Mixes spray materials and operates power driven spray equipment.

Performs and directs rigging of lines, blocks and guys required in tree maintenance work.

Performs preventive maintenance on hand tools and power driven equipment.

Supervises tree trimming crew and keeps time sheets.

Answers questions from the public related to tree trimming operations.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES (continued):

Operates other related tree maintenance equipment such as root cutters and stump removers.

Performs related duties as assigned.

JOB RELATED AND ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Accepted methods of trimming, topping and felling trees.

Common species of Bay Area trees.

High climbing techniques and safe operating procedures.

Common spray materials.

Ability to:

Supervise a crew, keep time sheets and work harmoniously with other crews.

Operate aerial hightower units and associated tools and equipment.

Perform tasks requiring good physical strength and agility.

Follow written and oral directions.

Deal courteously and effectively with the public.

Use rope and saddle in trimming and felling operations.

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

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

Experience: Two (2) years of experience in the trimming and topping of trees.

Education: Equivalent to completion of the twelfth (12th) grade.

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION (continued):

License and Certificates: Possess and maintain a valid Class C California Driver's License. Must obtain Class B License during probationary period. Depending upon assignment, a Class A Driver's License and/or a California Tanker Endorsement may be required.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Essential duties require the mental and/or physical work environment: work in variable indoor and outdoor conditions; tolerate exposure to outdoor elements in all weather conditions (e.g. heat, cold, and rain) throughout the year; be able to tolerate some exposure to noise, vibration, chemicals, moving objects, traffic, engine exhaust, dust, mechanical and electrical hazards, and odorous environments; frequently kneel, stoop, crouch, squat, climb, twist, and handle equipment; grasp, perform repetitive hand movements and fine coordination to prepare documents and data using a computer keyboard and mouse/trackball; sit for prolonged periods of time; stand, walk, reach, bend and safely lift and move equipment and materials weighing up to 75 pounds; converse by telephone, by email, in person, and be clearly understood; read and comprehend documents; interact with the public and all different levels of City staff in an effective and professional manner. Essential functions must be performed with or without reasonable accommodation.

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