

LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATEDEFINITION

Under general supervision performs specialized duties involving the inspection and plan check of commercial, industrial and residential developments for conformance with landscape requirements.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO

Reviews and approves all private development plans for conformance with landscape requirements before issuance of building permits. Confers with and recommends appropriate landscaping to developers and architects to meet zoning requirements. Serves as liaison to other City departments, outside agencies, civic organizations, and the public on landscape issues and projects. Develop and implement various standards and procedures to meet specific requirements. Conduct field inspections of properties to ensure compliance with specifications and landscaping ordinances. Develop and monitor ordinances related to landscaping issues and policies; make policy recommendations related to the General Plan. May make presentations to community groups, Planning Commission, or City Council. Perform other related functions as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

This is a single position classification that involves a high degree of knowledge and skill in horticulture and arboriculture.

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Five years of increasingly responsible arboricultural work, at least two years of which must have been on a professional level. Graduation from college with a degree in arboriculture, urban forestry, horticulture or related field may be used in combination with experience to meet the minimum qualifications; or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the following knowledge and abilities:

Knowledge of: principles and practices of landscaping issues as applied to city planning goals; project planning and administration. Methods and techniques used in planting, nurturing and maintaining a variety of trees, shrubs and plants; dendrology, arboriculture and plant physiology; soil and climatic conditions conducive to growth of trees, shrubs and plants; standard practices, tools and equipment used in tree and landscape maintenance work; chemical and biological measures used in controlling plant and tree insects and diseases; methods and techniques of research, statistical analysis and report preparation.

Ability to: provide scientific and technical advice and assistance on landscape problems and landscape maintenance, preservation and protection; make sound recommendations, interpret laws and ordinances and apply them to specific cases. Ability to effectively communicate orally and in writing; maintain records and prepare reports; establish and maintain effective working relationships with other City personnel and the general public.

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