

TREE TRIMMERDEFINITION

Under direction, performs routine duties in the care, surgery, maintenance and removal of city trees and shrubbery.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO

Participates in the planing, transplanting, felling, trimming, pruning, spraying and removal of trees. Climbs trees of various heights, often very tall trees, using hooks, ropes, belt and cables; removes dead, broken, misshapen and undesired branches and tops of trees using awls, saws, chisels, mallets, axes and other tools, and lowers portions removed to the ground with ropes; removes overhanging branches and split or broken limbs after storms. Trims trees for clearance of overhead utility facilities. Sharpens and cares for edged tools, cares for ropes and safety equipment, drives a truck and operates power equipment. Trims and digs out protruding tree roots; uses axe and power saws for felling trees or cutting up felled trees; uses chipper. Operates power saw and supervises care and maintenance of tools and equipment. Performs other functions as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

An employee in this class performs specialized skilled duties involved in the care and treatment of trees. The duties necessitate climbing trees and frequently working at considerable heights which constitutes a working hazard and necessitates a thorough knowledge of safety principles and procedures.

MINIMUM BASIC QUALIFICATIONS

Two years of tree trimming experience which includes climbing, trimming and pruning trees or a combination of training and experience which provides the desirable knowledge, skill and abilities.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, SKILL AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of: tree trimming, identification, treatment and removal methods and techniques. Knowledge of the occupational hazards and safety precautions of the work. Knowledge of rigging methods and of the use and maintenance of the tools and equipment of the trade. Some knowledge of insects, parasites and diseases which attack trees, and of the proper methods of their control.

Skill in: the use and care of climber hooks, ropes, knots and the tools and equipment commonly used in tree trimming and tree surgery operations.

Ability to: climb and to do work in high and hazardous locations.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession and retention of a California class "B" driver's license is a condition of employment. In addition, candidates must possess an International Society of Arborists (ISA) Certified Tree Worker certificate within one year of hire date in order to successfully complete probation, and must retain said certification as a condition of employment in this classification. Failure to obtain the ISA Certified Tree Worker Certificate within one year of appointment to the position shall be deemed a failure of probation.

CHARACTERISTICS OF SUCCESSFUL PERFORMERS

The successful performer is comfortable working at high elevations, enjoys working outdoors, and understands the importance of safety precautions. This skilled team leader is reliable, punctual, and physically strong.

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