

SENIOR TREE TRIMMER

DEFINITION

To organize, assign, and review the work of personnel engaged in semi-skilled and skilled duties involving tree maintenance, and tree related tasks in the City's urban forest, open space areas, creeks, preserves, and riparian areas.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is the advanced journey level class in the Tree Trimmer series. Positions at this level are distinguished from other classes within the series by the level of responsibility assumed, complexity of duties assigned, independence of action taken, by the amount of time spent performing the duties, and by the nature of the public contact made. Employees perform the most difficult and responsible types of duties assigned to classes within this series, including providing technical and functional supervision and performance of advanced journey level activities. Employees at this level are required to be fully trained in all procedures related to assigned areas of responsibility.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives direction from an assigned supervisor.

Exercises technical and functional supervision over assigned field staff.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES - Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Plan, prioritize, lead, review, and participate in the work of staff involved in a variety of duties related to tree maintenance and urban forest management activities.

Respond to inquiries and complaints from citizens and perform code enforcement duties.

Develop schedules and methods to accomplish assignments ensuring work is completed in a timely and efficient manner.

Participate in evaluating the activities of staff, recommending improvements and modifications.

Provide or coordinate staff training on aspects of assigned duties, equipment use, and safety; work with employees to correct deficiencies.

Train personnel in the safe and proper operation and maintenance of tree trimming equipment and tree climbing.

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Maintain and prepare records and reports including work schedules, payroll records and tree trimming maintenance schedules.

Interpret, and implement quality assurance standards; ensure standards are adhered to in tree maintenance, urban forestry, natural resource projects and tasks performed by full time, contract and seasonal staff.

Inspect tree maintenance work performed by private contractors and City staff to assure that all City standards/specifications are met. Operate and maintain a variety of equipment used in tree trimming work including backhoes, cranes, aerial lift trucks, commercial trucks, chippers, and chain saws.

Plan and recommend materials needed for each project.

Plan, prioritize, and assign the work of staff involved in tree maintenance and urban forest management activities.

Identify equipment needs for each assigned project.

Using an aerial lift and through skilled climbing; trim and structurally prune trees to provide clearance of streets, sidewalks, signs and lights as well as to ensure the continued health and safety of the trees.

Use a computer, or other technology to enter and retrieve information related to work assignments, other record keeping, update tree inventory and work order system, and electronic communication.

Assist in coordinating tree maintenance services activities with other City departments, divisions and sections and with outside agencies.

Respond to requests and inquiries from the general public.

Inspect trees for health and public safety.

Utilize proper safety precautions related to all work performed.

Work multiple shifts during emergencies, seasonally caused circumstances, or special projects in varying climate and temperature conditions.

Build and maintain positive working relationships with co-workers, other City employees and the public using principles of good customer service.

Perform related duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Principles and practices of lead supervision, training and performance evaluation, including safety practices and related record-keeping.

Safe work practices.

Current ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) standards best management practices and ANSI standards for tree planting, plant health care, risk assessment, tree protection, fertilization, tree support systems, root cutting, tree pruning and maintenance.

Methods of current best management practices used in urban forest management such as tree and natural resource maintenance

Uses and purposes of tools and equipment used for tree climbing and tree maintenance.

City, local, state, and federal laws, ordinances and policies related to management and maintenance of the urban forest.

Ability to:

Act as lead worker and perform advanced journey level activities related to tree maintenance and urban forest management activities.

Perform skilled tree trimming and maintenance work; climb trees at heights necessary to perform trimming activities;

On a continuous basis, know and understand tree trimming and removal operations; observe safety rules.

Intermittently, sit at a desk while studying or preparing reports; twist to reach equipment or materials; stand, walk, balance, stoop, kneel, climb, crawl, and bend while performing tree trimming and removal duties; perform simple grasping and fine manipulation; and lift or carry weight of 50 pounds or less.

Use and safely operate power tools, small and heavy equipment such as backhoe, chipper, aerial lift trucks and climbing gear, dump trucks, stump grinder, chainsaw, hand and pole saw, stem injector, electronic handheld devices, survey equipment and other equipment as assigned.

Prepare and maintain simple records of activities.

Keep records and prepare reports; use a computer and other technology to enter and retrieve data, track work order status, and communicate electronically.

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Estimate necessary materials and supplies with a reasonable degree of accuracy; prepare and develop cost estimates and budget figures.

Mix and apply herbicides.

Perform heavy physical labor.

Perform aerial rescue for second climber.

Perform storm emergency and after hour emergency response.

Set up traffic control and prepare Traffic Control Plans (TCP).

Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Work outdoors in a variety of weather and environmental conditions

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Experience and Training

Experience:

Two years of experience performing work similar to that of a Tree Trimmer II with the City of Roseville.

Training:

Equivalent to completion of the twelfth grade, GED, or higher level degree.

License or Certificate

Possession of a valid California Class A driver's license within one year of appointment.

Possession of QAC (Qualified Applicator Certificate) as issued by California Department of Pesticide Regulations within one year of appointment.

Possession of Certified Tree Worker/Climber Specialist certification as issued by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) within one year of appointment.

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