

TREE TRIMMER FOREMAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under general supervision, an incumbent serves as a working foreman by supervising and performing tree trimming and preservation work. The incumbent assures that tasks in connection with the maintenance, pruning, trimming, transplanting, and felling of trees are executed properly. This is skilled work involving responsibility for the efficient performance of assignments requiring knowledge of tree surgery practices and procedures. Supervision is exercised over Tree Trimmers and Laborers. Does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Instructs and assigns Tree Trimmers and Laborers in tree work;

Supervises and performs the trimming, thinning, topping, and removal of trees, limbs and brush;

Climbs trees to reach branches using climbing equipment;

Oversees the handling of rope and directs traffic;

Removes low limbs, which do not require climbing;

Removes dead, diseased or otherwise hazardous trees and/or branches and shrubs;

Fells large trees, bracing and cabling larger leaders and limbs;

Supervises and performs planting, cultivating, transplanting, pruning, and shearing of shrubs and trees,

Uses ropes, pruning poles, files and other tools and equipment in pruning activities;

Operates machinery such as chain saws, bucket truck, brush chippers, stump grinders, etc. to maintain trees and shrubs;

Performs daily inspection and routine maintenance on equipment used;

When not engaged in tree work performs other routine manual labor such as shoveling snow, sanding streets, and collecting garbage;

May operate power spraying equipment to apply herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers on trees and shrubs;

May perform hazard and health inspection of municipal trees;

May use computer applications or other automated systems such as spreadsheets, word processing, calendar, e-mail and database software in performing work assignments.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Thorough knowledge of the practices, materials, and methods used in tree felling, tree spraying, tree trimming, and tree surgery; thorough knowledge of the planting, cultivating, transplanting, pruning, and shearing of trees and shrubs; good knowledge of roping and climbing trees; good knowledge of the operation, maintenance and repair of tree surgeon equipment; good knowledge of the safety precautions associated with such work; skill in trimming and felling trees; skill in the use of the equipment of the trade; ability to plan, lay out, and supervise the work of others; ability to climb trees and to work at considerable height under dangerous conditions; ability to repair tools and equipment used for tree trimming and removal work; ability to drive and operate a variety of mechanical equipment such as a boom truck and chipper; ability to effectively use computer applications such as spreadsheets, word processing, calendar, e-mail and database software; ability to read, write, speak, understand and communicate in English sufficiently to perform the essential duties of the position; mechanical aptitude; physical strength; agility; dependability; physical condition commensurate with the duties of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Graduation from a high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and six (6) years of experience where the primary function of the position was tree work such as trimming, chipping and removal of trees, including or supplemented by six (6) months of supervisory experience.

SUBSTITUTION # 1: An Associate's Degree* in Horticulture, Arboriculture, Forestry or a closely related field may be substituted for three (3) years of the required work experience described above. There is no substitution for the six (6) months of supervisory experience.

SUBSTITUTION # 2: A Bachelor's Degree* in Horticulture, Arboriculture, Forestry or a closely related field may be substituted for five (5) years of the required work experience described above. There is no substitution for the six (6) months of supervisory experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

(1) At time of appointment, possession of a valid license, issued by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, appropriate for the vehicle to be operated. The appointing authority is responsible for verifying and ensuring that the candidate meets these conditions at time of appointment and throughout the course of employment.

(2) Depending on work assignment, may be required to possess a valid certification by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation as a Pesticide Applicator in New York State, within the appropriate category. The appointing authority is responsible for verifying and ensuring that the candidate meets these conditions at time of appointment and throughout the course of employment.

(3) Depending on work assignment, may be required to possess a valid certification issued by the International Society of Arboriculture as an Arborist. The appointing authority is responsible for verifying and ensuring that the candidate meets these conditions at time of appointment and throughout the course of employment.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (cont'd.):

(4) Depending on work assignment, the appointing authority may be required to meet standards of OSHA regulation 1910.134 Respiratory Protection, and may be required to meet Federal, State and local standards with respect to health and safety.

NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, only experience gained after attaining the minimum education level indicated in the minimum qualifications will be considered in evaluating experience.

*SPECIAL NOTE: Education beyond the secondary level must be from an institution recognized or accredited by the Board of Regents of the New York State Education Department as a post-secondary, degree-granting institution.

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