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## **Notice of Job Opening**

**Position:** Line Clearance Tree Trimmer

Applicants must meet the requirements as outlined in the enclosed job description.

\*PLEASE NOTE: This position is in the competitive class and will be filled on a provisional basis pending the outcome of the civil service examination.

**Department:** Department of General Services

**Number of Vacancies to be filled:** 1

**Rate of Pay:** \$23.57/hour @ 40 hours/week

**Schedule:** Monday – Friday: 7:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Application Deadline:** **Until Filled**

All applicants must submit an application online via [jobs.albanyny.gov](http://jobs.albanyny.gov) to be considered for the job opening.

**Union Preference:** YES

Applicants who are current members of the Albany Blue Collar Workers Union Local 1961/AFSCME NY Council 66 will be given preference over external candidates.

**Residency Requirement:** YES

Per City Code § 62-1, all individuals hired by the City of Albany municipal government must be or become residents of the City of Albany within 180 days of hire. Failure to move into the City shall be deemed a voluntary resignation.

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**Posted on Wednesday, October 21, 2020.**

## **LINE CLEARANCE TREE TRIMMER**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** Under supervision, the incumbent in this class performs highly skilled work in the maintenance of trees, tree removal, pruning and repairs working with an aerial lift at heights up to 60 feet above ground. The work may include trimming, climbing, removal, transplanting, spraying, fertilizing and repairing trees, shrubs and other vegetation. The work is often done in proximity to power distribution lines; therefore, the incumbent must complete all necessary and periodic training in the principles and practices of arboriculture and safety. The incumbent may act as “lead” in a crew since this position is critical to the productivity of a crew and is responsible for directing other personnel at the job site for the safety of employees, equipment and the public. The line clearance tree trimmer must be available to respond for emergency services during adverse weather conditions and other situations related to trees. Additionally, incumbents may perform general semi-skilled tasks in the maintenance of various installations, roads, parks or facilities in the City of Albany. Supervision may be a responsibility of this class.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:** (Illustrative Only)

- Performs the proper trimming and removal of trees for public safety;
- Operates aerial lift in tree trimming, removal and/or repair work in close proximity to electrical transmission lines as defined in OSHA 1910.269 (line clearance tree trimmer minimum approach distances);
- Operates chain saws, hydraulic saws, pruners, handsaws, pole saws, ropes, rigging, cables and sprayers as needed to complete tree work;
- Operates trucks and equipment related to forestry work, including but not limited to; aerial bucket lift truck, log loader, chip truck, chipper, tractor with backhoe, stump grinder and sprayer;
- Loads and unloads trucks with woody debris, brush, branches, logs, etc.;
- Controls traffic at work site as needed;
- Performs daily inspections of equipment used in tree care;
- Maintains equipment and makes routine mechanical and electrical repairs;
- Sets up necessary work area protection zones utilizing arrow boards, barriers, warning signs, etc.;
- Lubricates and oils moving parts, sharpens chainsaws and cleans equipment;
- Participates in planning and transplanting trees and shrubs;
- Maintains a continuing awareness of arboricultural theory and practice, to use the best methods of preserving City trees;
- Performs routine semi-skilled manual tasks such as snow shoveling, trenching, operating motor equipment and snow removal equipment, loading and/or unloading trucks in street maintenance related to general operations of the Department; making minor repairs (carpentry, plumbing, etc.), building and repairing chain saws/power saws, etc., as needed;
- Reports on dangerous or dead trees along City streets;
- May supervise a crew in the operation of tree removal;
- Performs related work as required.

## **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

- Thorough knowledge of trees including identification, growth characteristics, decay and pests;
- Thorough knowledge of arboricultural practices for proper pruning, felling, planting and repair of trees;
- Thorough knowledge of electrical hazards;
- Good knowledge of heavy automotive equipment operation;
- Good knowledge of the component parts and operating principles of hydraulic equipment;
- Good knowledge and ability to operate an aerial lift, chainsaws, hand tools and chippers in order to provide required vegetation clearance of utility electrical lines;
- Good knowledge of office equipment;
- Ability to climb trees;
- Ability to operate a vehicle pulling trailers;
- Ability to learn all applicable OSHA standards as it applies to utility electrical line tree clearance;
- Ability to work at heights up to 60 feet above ground;
- Ability to operate a variety of equipment related to the general operations of the department;
- Ability to understand and carry out written and oral instructions.
- Ability to work alone or with others;
- Ability to lift 50 lbs.
- Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- A. Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and two (2) years of fulltime paid experience in the maintenance, removal and care of trees or line clearance or vegetation management industry, which shall have included one (1) year experience in the operation of an aerial bucket lift; **OR**
- B. Six (6) years of fulltime paid experience in the maintenance, removal and care of trees, or line clearance or vegetation management industry, which shall have included one (1) year experience in the operation of an aerial bucket lift; **OR**
- C. Any equivalent combination of training and experience as described in the limits of (A) and (B) above.

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:**

- A valid New York State driver's license Class B (CDL) without air brake restrictions is required at the time of appointment and for the duration of employment.
- Must obtain a Line Clearance Arborist Certification within one year of appointment.

**NOTE:**

Position may require ability to work Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays; and able to work shift assignments during the day, evening and nights.

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