

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;
- 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;
- 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;
- 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 of office equipment;
- Skill in the use of equipment of the trade, including power and hand saws, ropes and rigging sprayers;
- Skill in the use of an aerial bucket lift;
- Ability to climb trees;
- 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 arboricultural practices, maintenance and care of trees, which shall have included use of an aerial bucket lift; **OR**
- B. Six (6) years of fulltime paid experience in the arboricultural practices, maintenance and care of trees, which shall have included use 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:

Eligibility for an appropriate level operator's license issued by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles at time of application. A valid New York State driver's license Class B (CDL) is required at the time of appointment and for the duration of employment.

NOTE:

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