

## **Public Works Technician II (Equipment Operator)**

### **General Statement of Duties:**

Performs routine heavy equipment operation in the City's public works department, including garbage truck, loader, skid steer, back hoe, trencher or similar equipment; Performs routine and semi-skilled labor in the maintenance of streets, water and sewer lines, and similar work with other municipal structures, facilities, and grounds.

### **Distinguishing Features of the Class:**

An employee in this class operates a variety of heavy equipment for garbage and refuse or debris collection. Equipment may include an automated side loading garbage truck (one-arm bandit), rear loading garbage truck, boom loader truck, dump truck, and a mechanical street sweeper. Emphasis of the work is on operating large vehicles to collect garbage in the city's residential and business districts.

Work includes repair or replacement of water and sewer pipes, maintenance of streets and pavements, leaf collection, driving a truck, loading and unloading crew supplies, directing traffic, and other labor-intensive tasks and safely operating and controlling the equipment.

Work is differentiated from the Public Works Technician I level by a higher degree of skill or license for equipment operation and complexity of the work assignment. Work may be performed independently or as a senior member of a work crew and is supervised by a foreman or Public Works Director. Work is evaluated on the basis of attainment of individual and team performance objectives, compliance with safety regulations, efficient operation of equipment, and overall appearance of municipal structures.

### **Illustrative Examples of Work:**

- Digs, patches, and backfills pavement or grounds, trencher, skid steer, dump trucks and jackhammers or other related equipment
- Assists in repair of water and wastewater main breaks; digs pavement, cuts or clamps pipes, and backfills
- Drives dump truck to and from worksites hauling debris or mud used for backfill
- May perform tasks related to special projects and building renovations, such as painting, installing doors, windows shelving, counters/counters tops, simple electrical repairs, painting equipment and/or buildings and related tasks
- Read water meters or perform water cut off as assigned
- Maintenance, repair or replacement of water meters
- Drives a sanitation truck along an assigned route for curbside collection of waste from residences and businesses
- Drives leaf truck and operates leaf vacuum for collection of curbside leaves

- Operates various trucks including side loading garbage truck (one-arm bandit) to grab, lift, and dump garbage containers; rear loading garbage truck which compresses garbage; leaf vacuum trucks to suck up leaves and supervises technician workers who operate the vacuum boom suction pipe; mechanical street sweeper to sweep along street curbing; other heavy equipment such as back hoes to excavate trenches or dig holes
- Compiles reports for supervisors of brush and waste to be collected
- Notifies customers or citizens of collection policies
- Checks vital working parts of the trucks; reports any maintenance needs to supervisor
- Participates in routine cleaning of garbage collection vehicles including washing, steaming, and cleaning interior Checks operation of water and wastewater lines and pipes, repairs and maintains as needed
- Performs other technical maintenance duties as assigned

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

- Knowledge of garbage truck operation characteristics and other related special heavy equipment
- Knowledge of geographical location of city streets
- Knowledge of traffic laws and regulations pertaining to heavy equipment operations
- Knowledge of effective communication techniques sufficient to explain City policies and procedures
- Ability to operate and perform preventive maintenance on various types of heavy equipment
- Ability to work as a member of a work crew or team on various assignments
- Ability to perform duties in heavy traffic and under adverse weather conditions

**Physical Requirements:**

Work in this position is heavy work exerting up to 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Employee is required to have close visual acuity to perform visual inspection of small defects or parts, operation or inspection of machines, use measurement devices, and assembly of parts at distances close to eyes. Employee must have the visual acuity to be the operator of a truck, forklift, cranes, or other heavy equipment and determine the accuracy, neatness, and thoroughness of the work assigned.

**Working Conditions:**

An employee in this class is subject to outside environmental conditions including extreme cold and heat sufficient to take precautions. Employee is subject to a level of noise requiring workers to shout in order to be heard above the ambient noise level. Employee is subject to hazards including a variety of physical conditions such as proximity to moving mechanical parts, electrical current, working on scaffolding and high places, or exposure to chemicals and potentially infectious bodily fluids. Employee is subject to variations in atmospheric conditions including fumes, odors, dusts, mists, gases, or poor ventilation. Employee is subject to variation in weather conditions including working in temperatures below 32 degrees or above 100 degrees for more than one hour with protective clothing. . Employee is subject to workplace hazards

**Education and Experience:**

Graduation from high school or GED equivalency and 2 - 4 years' experience operating heavy equipment such as a sanitation truck (rear packer), dump truck, boom truck, skid steer, fork lift, trencher, front end loader or equivalent or 2-4 years experience performing preventative maintenance in buildings, water & sewer lines, street maintenance, and/or grounds facilities. Experience in general building maintenance, carpentry, electrical and plumbing maintenance is desired. Candidates must also be capable of working regular hours, be available to work weekends or holidays, and available for call-in duty in case of emergencies.

**Special Requirement:**

NC Commercial Driver's License (CDL)

**FLSA Status:** Nonexempt

**Disclaimer**

This classification specification has been designed to indicate the general nature and level of work performed by employees within this classification. It is not designed to contain or be interpreted as a comprehensive inventory of all duties, responsibilities, and qualifications required of employees to perform the job. The Physical Requirements and Working Conditions section of this classification may vary from position to position and a more thorough description of these elements can be found in the employee's Position Description Questionnaire (PDQ). The City reserves the right to assign or otherwise modify the duties assigned to this classification.

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