

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

KIND OF WORK: This position regularly operates all types of heavy equipment of the Department of Public Works. Also performs duties of lower classified personnel as needs require.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK: Employees in this class perform job assignments found in construction and maintenance of streets, water, sewer, City buildings and grounds, recreation, Cemetery facilities, and in other general services provided by the City. Work is under the general supervision of lead man, Division Heads, and/or Department Heads. Duty assignments are regularly adjusted to conform with seasonal work to be performed.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK:

1. Participates, as assigned, in construction and maintenance of various City utility systems and rights-of-way including sanitary sewers, storm sewers, water systems, streets, alleys, parking lots, sidewalks, etc.
2. Regularly operates all types of heavy equipment. Also on occasion operates light equipment, light service vehicles, hand tools, and power equipment.
3. Assigned individual responsibility for continuous work activity, such as, but not limited to, plowing, salting, sanding, grading, sweeping, excavating, etc.
4. Occasionally performs those tasks and functions as would be assigned to lower classified personnel.
5. Confers with Division Head about methods to be used, job timetable, and unusual conditions pertaining to jobs to be completed.
6. Inspects equipment and supplies on a daily basis, such as tires, lights, brakes, gas, oil and water. Reports malfunctions or other problems to supervisor and/or mechanic.
7. Performs other departmental work tasks as assigned.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

1. Ability to operate all types of heavy equipment, light equipment, light service vehicles, hand tools and power equipment. A valid State of Michigan driver's license is required.
2. Ability to follow oral and written instructions and to keep daily time records and submit oral reports to Division Heads.
3. Ability to understand procedure manuals on equipment and to become familiar with capacity and methods for each type of equipment.
4. Ability to work cooperatively with others and sufficient strength and manual dexterity to perform assigned tasks.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS: High school graduation and two years experience as a light equipment operator of a Department of Public Works; or any equivalent combination of experience or training.

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