

MAJOR FUNCTION

This is professional, technical, supervisory and educational work in electric utility line clearance, vegetation management and forestry environmental programs for the Electric & Gas Utility. Work is performed in accordance with prudent electric utility standards and practices under the general supervision of the Electric Utility Engineering/Operations Manager - Lines and is reviewed through conferences, reports and results obtained.

ESSENTIAL and OTHER IMPORTANT JOB DUTIES**Essential Duties**

Supervises and directs the work of technical, administrative and contract workers, as applicable, in conducting electric utility line clearance, vegetation management and forestry environmental program activities for the Electric & Gas Utility. Assists with the development of policy and technical contract language relating to tree trimming and removal and vegetation management activities along public utility rights-of-way and on private property in close proximity to high voltage electric lines. Supervises and participates in obtaining permission from property owners for tree trimming and vegetation management activities and works one-on-one with these individuals in resolving complaints and other public relations issues related to electric utility line clearance and vegetation management. Enforces applicable safety regulations as they apply to electric utility line clearance and vegetation management operations. Provide tree/vegetation consultation and planning to other City departments and the public, which meets the Electric & Gas Utility line clearance and vegetation management standards and needs. Reviews drawings, development plans and specification to coordinate tree/landscape field inspections to ensure compliance with vegetation management plans. Attends planning and zoning commission meetings to provide advice regarding vegetation management planning. Makes slide and video presentations to city employees, private organizations, garden clubs, environmental societies and the general public on forestry-related projects. Develops annual priority trimming schedule for entire electric utility system, which includes developing detailed system trimming maps. Insures the Electric & Gas Utility's compliance with applicable local, State and industry specific regulations and ordinances governing electric utility right-of-way maintenance. Recommends the hiring, transfer, advancement or discharge of assigned employees. Conducts performance evaluations and recommends approval or denial of merit increases. Performs related work as required.

Other Important Duties

Develops contacts and working relationships with vendors, city, county, state and federal agencies to provide for required line clearance and vegetation management needs. Prepares reports of activities as required or directed. Performs related work as required.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS**Knowledge, Abilities and Skills**

Thorough knowledge of and familiarity with the principles and practices of electric power line construction, operation and maintenance, as well as (National Electric Safety Code) NESC, Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA), American National Standards Institute (ANSI), risk management requirements, arboricultural procedures and practices and vegetation management planning. Knowledge of methods and tools, and the occupational hazards of electric utility line clearance and vegetation management work. Knowledge of the operation of trucks, winches, derricks, aerial bucket units, and other equipment and tools used in this work. Knowledge of tree diseases, pests and agents usable for vegetation management programs. Ability to communicate clearly and concisely both orally and in writing with the general public, contract personnel, department personnel and City administrators. Ability to properly assign contract crews during emergency

situations, e.g., storms. Ability to plan, schedule, and review the work of subordinates in a manner conducive to full performance and high morale. Ability to keep records, prepare progress reports, and enforce/interpret contracts for goods and services, as applicable. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships as necessitated by the work. Ability to lead and direct the work activities of assigned City and contract personnel. Skill in the use of microcomputers and the programs and applications necessary for successful job performance. Good physical condition.

Minimum Training and Experience

Possession of a bachelor's degree with major course work in forestry, arboriculture or a related field and four years of professional experience in urban forestry or electric utility tree trimming and right-of-way maintenance, two (2) years of which must have been in a supervisory capacity; or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

Necessary Special Requirements

Must possess a valid Class E State Driver's license at time of appointment.

During emergency situations, this position is considered essential staff and is required to be available to work rotating shifts with extended hours up to (16) hour shifts 7 days a week.

Individuals in this classification are subject to being deployed for mutual aid assignments out of town. These mutual aid assignments will require travel, extended work days and working 16 hours per day during deployment.

Individuals in this classification must be available to serve on-call and are subject to having to work outside of their assigned shift/schedule to meet operational needs.

Must acquire certification as an Arborist/Utility Specialist through the International Society of Arboriculture within the first year after appointment to the job class and maintain same certification, as a condition of continued employment.

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