

CITY OF SALINA
POSITION DESCRIPTION

CLASS TITLE: Park Technician (Landscape) GR: 104 FLSA: Non-Exempt DATE: 08/07/2024

DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation

DIVISION: Parks and Forestry

REPORTS TO: Assigned Supervisor

APPROVED: _____

JOB CODE: 7033

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Under general supervision; responsible for a wide variety of tasks related to all parks maintenance that include, but is not limited to, maintenance of irrigation systems, turf, trees, shrubs, flowers, medians, trails, and equipment, as well as the construction and maintenance of grounds within city owned parks, community buildings, and recreation facilities. Work is of some complexity requiring individual judgment within prescribed standards and procedures.

TYPICAL DUTIES:

- Prepares and maintains parks, athletic fields, medians, recreation facilities, and other public facilities as well as the construction and maintenance of grounds within city owned parks, and community buildings.
- Performs work in installation, operation, maintenance, and repair of in-ground sprinkler systems.
- Plans and performs work in seeding, planting and maintaining turf, trees, and shrubs including watering, trimming, mowing, fertilizing, aerification, weed and pest control.
- Applies fertilizers and pesticides as required; recognizes plant diseases and takes appropriate action to counteract.
- Operates trucks, mowers, utility vehicles, and other light equipment; operates blowers, chain saws, hedge trimmers, skid steer, spraying equipment, tractors and attachments, and other similar equipment or vehicles.
- Performs preventative and routine maintenance; performs equipment safety inspections; services and performs minor repairs to equipment.
- Provides custodial services for parks and facilities including cleaning of restrooms and removal of trash and debris.
- Leads work crews and maintains records of activities and routine operational records; works on special projects and assignments; responds to weather and other emergencies.
- Assists other staff as necessary; interacts with the public; maintains and enforces park rules.
- Performs overtime as required and other duties as assigned; varied schedule, including potential nights, weekends and/or holidays.

SUPERVISION - RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORK OF OTHERS:

May lead small group of workers in field work as assigned.

MINIMUM EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to the following:

- High school diploma or G.E.D.
- One (1) year work experience in the areas of irrigation work, general horticulture and/or landscape maintenance and equipment operation.
- Must obtain certified pesticide license within two (2) years from start date of employment.
- Must possess a valid Kansas driver's license.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:

None.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with fellow employees, officials and the public. (Daily)
Assigned projects or areas of responsibility are performed properly and efficiently. (Daily)

Apply and maintain knowledge of the current methods, equipment, materials and tools to effectively maintain and care for shrubs, trees, plants and grass. (Daily)

Apply and maintain working knowledge of the methods, techniques, materials, and tools used in parks and facilities maintenance and landscape maintenance and repair. (Daily)

Understand and apply principles/practices relating to safe equipment operation and maintenance. (Daily)

PHYSICAL DEMANDS OF ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

Work Type: Heavy, exerting up to 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 50 pounds frequently, and/or up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects.

Climbing/Balancing: Climbs inclines and ladders, uneven surfaces, balance required.

Walking: Extensive amount required.

Stooping/Bending: Frequently.

Stand/Sit: Sit about 20 percent of the time.

Reaching: Frequent, overhead as well as horizontal.

Vision: Adequate to perform essential functions.

Color Vision: Adequate to perform essential functions.

Hearing: Adequate to perform essential functions.

Speech: Moderate need to express ideas and be understood.

Eye/Hand/Foot Coordination: Frequently operates vehicles, equipment and tools requiring moderate ability.

Manual Dexterity: Frequently operates equipment and tools requiring manual ability.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS/EXPOSURES:

Inside/Outside: Work inside and outside (primarily outside).

Cold/Heat: Adverse conditions possible.

Wet/Dry: Adverse conditions possible.

Noise/Vibrations: Equipment noise.

Hazards: Frequent exposure to chemicals, fertilizers, equipment, vehicles, sharp objects and height.

Fumes/Dust/Odors: Frequent exposure to dust; occasional exposure to fumes and odors.

Infectious Diseases: Moderate exposure.

MENTAL REQUIREMENTS OF ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

Ability to read and comprehend technically-written material.

Ability to listen and apply information and instructions.

Ability to understand and apply mathematical concepts accurately.

Ability to evaluate and execute possible courses of action.

Ability to work under some stressful conditions and meet deadlines.

MACHINES, TOOLS, EQUIPMENT AND WORK AIDS USED:

Back hoes, blowers, chain saws, chippers, dump trucks, hand and power tools, hedge trimmers, man-lift, mowers including precision mowers, seeder and top dresser, skid steer, spraying equipment, tractors and attachments, tree spade, two-way radios, utility vehicles, vehicles, and other similar equipment or vehicles.

REMARKS:

The above position description is intended to describe the duties of an employee in general terms and does not necessarily describe all of his/her duties.