

City of Bluffton

Job Description

Job Title: Equipment Operator
Department: Street Department
Reports To: Street Commissioner
FLSA Status: Nonexempt
Last HR Review: July 2016

Principal Function: The Equipment Operator is responsible for operating heavy equipment in the performance of a variety of tasks around the maintenance, upkeep and services of the City streets and buildings.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities: Duties include, but are not limited to:

1. Operates heavy equipment to resurface roadways, complete bridge repairs, reshape embankments, clear drainage ditches, install culverts, and other similar operations.
2. Mows and maintains open space areas in the City.
3. Performs general construction tasks and building maintenance of City-owned properties.
4. Operates snow control equipment in the removal of snow and application of salt to City Streets and properties.
5. Performs routine maintenance on all tools, power equipment, and heavy machinery.
6. Repairs and replaces City street signs utilizing heavy equipment, if needed.
7. Performs general laborer work to complete assigned tasks as required.
8. Performs other work in the workshop as directed by the Street Commissioner.

Supervisory Responsibilities: This job has no supervisory responsibilities.

Qualifications: To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty according to the requirements of the organization. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential duties and responsibilities.

Competencies: To perform this job successfully, all employees working in the City should demonstrate the following competencies:

- **Customer Service** – Responds to requests for service and assistance; Manages difficult or emotional customer situations focusing on listening without interrupting and keeping one's emotions under control; Solicits customer feedback to improve service; Maintains confidentiality and meets commitments.
- **Professionalism** – Approaches others in a tactful manner; Reacts well under pressure; Treats others with respect and consideration regardless of their status or position; Accepts responsibility for their own actions; Follows through on commitments.
- **Dependability** - Follows instructions, responds to management direction; Takes responsibility for own actions; Keeps commitments; Commits to long hours of work when necessary to reach goals. Completes tasks on time or notifies appropriate person with an alternate plan.

Job-related Competencies – To perform this job successfully, employees in this job should demonstrate the following competencies:

- **Problem Solving** - Identifies and resolves problems in a timely manner; Gathers and analyzes information skillfully; Develops alternative solutions; Works well in group problem solving situations; Uses reason even when dealing with emotional topics.

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- **Oral Communication** - Speaks clearly and persuasively in positive or negative situations; Listens and gets clarification; Responds well to questions; Demonstrates group presentation skills; Participates in meetings.
- **Safety and Security** - Observes safety and security procedures; Determines appropriate action beyond guidelines; Reports potentially unsafe conditions; Uses equipment and materials properly.
- **Adaptability** - Adapts to changes in the work environment; Manages competing demands; changes approach or method to best fit the situation; Able to deal with frequent change, delays or unexpected events.

Education and/or Experience: High school diploma or general education degree (GED); or two years' experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Previous experience operating heavy equipment is required.

Other Skills and Abilities: The following skills and abilities are either required or desired.

- Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with airbrake endorsement on manual transmission truck is required or a permit must be obtained within one month of hiring and the license within six months of hiring.
- The ability to operate special tools to include: measuring tools, transit, laser level, grinder, hand tools, acetylene torch, backhoe, dump truck grader, roller, mowers, paint sprayer, weed eater, weed sprayer, tractor, chainsaw, skid steer, street sweeper, road grader, leaf machine, mower, bucket truck, brush chipper, gas welder, electric welder, air compressor, front end loader, and fogger is required.
- The ability to operate trucks for general purpose of hauling and snow removal is required.
- A working knowledge of the use of attachments to any equipment in a safe and efficient manner is required.
- A working knowledge of the mechanics of equipment used to perform periodic maintenance, repairs, and adjustments is required.
- The ability to operate all Street Department vehicles is required.
- The ability to be on call 24/7 or the ability to have a system in place that responses may be handled in an emergency situation is required.
- The ability to adapt to work plans as they are affected by weather conditions in a timely manner in order to achieve quality results is required.
- The ability to work in emergency situations to include: snow events, tree damage from storms, and signs down due to different situations is required.
- The ability to operate a computer, printer, copy machine, scanner, fax machine, and other office equipment is desired.
- The ability to speak, read and write in English is required.

Physical Demands: The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential duties and responsibilities.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to stand; walk; and talk or hear. The employee is frequently required to sit; use hands to finger, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms; stoop, kneel crouch, or crawl; and lift and/or move up to 25 pounds. The employee is occasionally required to climb or balance; taste or smell; and lift and/or move up to 50 pounds.

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Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision (clear vision at 20 inches or less), distance vision (clear vision at 20 feet or more), color vision (ability to identify and distinguish colors), peripheral vision (ability to observe an area that can be seen up and down or to the left and right while eyes are fixed on a given point), depth perception (three-dimensional vision, ability to judge distances and spatial relationships), and the ability to adjust focus (ability to adjust the eye to bring an object into sharp focus).

Work Environment: The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential duties and responsibilities.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee regularly is exposed to work near moving mechanical parts; and outdoor weather conditions. The employee is frequently exposed to wet or humid conditions (non-weather); fumes or airborne particles; extreme cold (non-weather); extreme heat (non-weather); and vibration. The employee is occasionally exposed to toxic or caustic chemicals. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate to loud.

Personal protective equipment must be worn as required to include: steel toe work boots, hard hats, safety goggles, gloves, safety vest/shirt and protective clothing.

While the offices of the City are open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, this position may require work beyond these hours and on the weekends and holidays. Employees are also required to drive Street Department vehicles. Thus, a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL) is required.