City of Dallas Classification Specification

Title: Forestry Worker Class Code: 14030

Application: Career Series Pay Grade: D

Supplemental/Code: Skilled Crafts/5 Established: 10/01/13

FLSA Status: Non-exempt Revised:

Position Purpose

Performs a variety of skilled, strenuous labor duties that involve the care of trees in an urban forest environment. Work involves pruning tree limbs, removing diseased and /or dead trees from city parks and other property.

Essential Functions

- 1. Cuts out diseased, weak, or dead trees, and prunes limbs of young trees to deter knot growth. Uses hand saw, chain saw, pole saw, and other pruning and tree-care tools.
- 2. Uses harness to climb tree trunks, works many feet off the ground, rigs tree limbs with ropes for save removal.
- 3. Fells trees and clears limbs and brush from park areas using chain and pole saws.
- 4. Uses hand tools such as lopping shears to trim branches.
- 5. Operates motorized equipment such as an aerial bucket truck to reach high limbs.
- 6. Drives skid-steer loaders or small track loaders to clear piles of brush, limbs, and other debris from work area.
- 7. Loads limbs into chipper to turn wood debris into mulch, and loads heavy limb into truck to take to the landfill.
- 8. Trains less experienced crew members in safe work habits and duties.
- 9. Regular, reliable and punctual attendance is an essential function of the job.

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Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required to Perform Work

Knowledge of the use and care of hand and power tools, such as chain saw, pole saw, and other equipment related to tree work.

Ability to operate a variety of simple to complex power tools and power equipment used in tree work and landscaping.

Ability to perform moderate to heavy physical labor duties for extended periods.

Ability to climb trees using harnesses and ropes.

Ability to lift and work with heavy equipment.

Ability to establish and maintain an effective working relationship with all levels of management, city officials, vendors, other governmental agencies, other employees and the general public.

Aptitude to learn to operate bucket trucks using electrical controls to raise the bucket to trim tree limbs.

May require a valid Texas "A" Commercial Drivers License.

Working Conditions and Hazards

Requires carrying, dragging, holding, pushing, pulling, lifting, kneeling, bending, twisting, walking, reaching, squatting, and considerable standing.

Major activities are performed on level, slippery, sloping, uneven or unstable surfaces.

May be exposed extreme cold, heat, and heights; saw dust; constant noise; mechanical and electrical hazards.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work performed by personnel assigned to this classification and is not necessarily an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required.