

LIGHT EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

DEFINITION

Under supervision, performs semi-skilled work in the operation of trucks, light tractors, and related automotive equipment; may lead one or more workers on an assigned route or project.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED/EXERCISED

Receives supervision from a Manager, Supervisor or designee. Exercises no supervision, may provide lead direction.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

Light Equipment Operator incumbents operate trucks, light tractors, and related automotive equipment and may lead a small crew of workers in various City departments. This class is distinguished from the Heavy Equipment Operator in that the Heavy Equipment Operator is a highly skilled class in which incumbents independently operate various types of complex construction, agricultural and related equipment for construction and maintenance activities.

EXAMPLES OF IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES

Depending on assignment, may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Loads and operates flat-bed dump trucks with trailers, skid steer loaders and related equipment; operates brush chipper and chain saw; hauls tree trimmings, trash, and refuse to the disposal site.

Operates water-tank truck on an assigned route, irrigating trees along City streets, on traffic divider islands and in park areas.

Operates truck-mounted hydraulic spray rigs applying a variety of chemical pest control sprays to street and park trees.

Operates multi-unit hydraulic gang mowers, rubber-tired tractors, backhoe, packer-type refuse trucks, hydro-lifts, and a variety of related equipment.

May lead one or more workers on an assigned route or project.

Operates trucks for towing equipment to and from job sites.

Operates front loading packer-type refuse truck in cleaning following the landscaping of traffic divider islands.

Collects trash and debris from condemned homes and properties and hauls to the disposal site.

Operates light tractors with disc attachment and gang mowers for vacant lot maintenance. Operates chainsaws, leaf blowers, weed trimmer, and various other landscaping equipment in the process of clearing and removing debris.

Hauls lumber, soil, compost material, nursery stock, and miscellaneous supplies.

Picks up and delivers animals, materials, and supplies to the appropriate destination.

Performs related duties as required.

JOB RELATED AND ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Safe operation of trucks, light tractors, front-end loaders, and related automotive equipment.

Skill/Ability to:

Operate a variety of automotive and specialized landscape equipment safely and effectively.

Maintain effective working relationships with other employees, supervisors, and the general public.

Follow written and oral instructions and maintain daily records of work performed.

Read and write at the level necessary to perform the job.

Safely operate a motor vehicle.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Possession of a High School Diploma or equivalent GED completion.

Experience:

One (1) year of work experience in operating automotive equipment such as trucks and tractors, front-end loaders, skid steer, flatbed trailers, dump trucks or related equipment.

Special Requirements

Possession of a valid Commercial California Class A Driver's License is required at the time of application and continued maintenance throughout the entire term of employment in this classification.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that are necessary to safely, effectively, and efficiently perform the essential functions of this job with or without reasonable accommodation.

This classification's physical demands involve heavy work exerting up to 100 pounds of force occasionally with assistance, and/or up to 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Additionally, the following physical demands may be required: balancing, climbing, crawling, crouching, feeling, manual dexterity, grasping, handling, hearing, kneeling, lifting, mental acuity, pulling, pushing, reaching, repetitive motion, speaking, standing,

stooping, talking, visual acuity, walking.

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