

CERTIFIED TREE WORKER

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, to perform skilled, safe and responsible tree care work and to perform tree and parks maintenance work as required.

EXAMPLE OF DUTIES

Trimming of trees, felling trees, operation of aerial lift truck, operation of chipper, tree hazard detection, planting, staking, spraying, fertilizing trees, operating and maintaining power and hand tools related to tree trimming. May assist in supervising grounds workers. Emergency tree work, including nights and weekends.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of: High climbing techniques using ropes and saddle; use of various knots for tying-in and rigging; tree identification and cultural needs.

Ability to: Climb and descend ropes safely, perform aerial rescue via ropes and/or aerial lift device, use and maintain power chainsaws, hydraulic pruning tools and related hand tools. Identify tree pests and diseases and tree weaknesses. Perform heavy physical labor, annually renew aerial rescue and CPR training certification and follow and abide by the City's rules and regulations. Be available for emergency tree work including nights and weekends. Interact positively and cooperate with co-workers, respond politely to customers, work as a team member, function under demanding time pressure, respond in a positive manner to supervision, and attend work and perform duties on a regular and consistent basis.

Experience: Two years of fulltime experience in tree trimming and felling using ropes and saddle and aerial lift equipment

Education: Completion of high school or equivalent.

License/Certificates: Possession of valid Class "B" California Driver's License, First Aid and CPR certification. Aerial rescue certification must be renewed annually. Electrical Hazard Awareness Certification to be obtained within six months of

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employment and International Society of Arboriculture (*ISA*) *Tree Worker Certification* to be obtained within 12 months of employment.

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