



City of Kansas City, Missouri Job Class Specification

Job Title: FORESTER

Job Code: 5730

Department: PARKS & REC

Grade: NE-7

Summary

This is responsible technical work assisting in the supervision of maintenance of trees on city streets and on public grounds.

Work involves responsibility for executing and supervising policies as set down by technical and administrative superiors. An employee of this class is responsible for the field supervision of a number of personnel engaged in tree work and the satisfactory answering of public complaints relative to the tree program. Work is checked by the personal observation of a superior and through conferences.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Assists assigned technical supervisor by directly supervising the activities of several street tree crews.
- Checks permits for the removal and planting of trees and recommends species of trees to plant; checks complaints and reports of damage to trees on public grounds.
- Supervises and personally checks automotive equipment and other equipment used in tree work for need of repair and general maintenance; supervises the spraying of trees and the maintenance of spraying equipment.
- Requisitions supplies needed by assigned tree crews; supervises and assists in the maintenance of clerical records.
- Performs related duties as required.

Technical Skills

Considerable knowledge of:

- Tree maintenance, preservation, and removal techniques and procedures, including pruning, spraying, treating, bracing, boxing, moving, fertilizing, and soil and planting requirements.
- Insects, parasites, and diseases which attack trees and the composition and uses of insecticides, fungicides, and disinfectants for their control.
- Plant biology and the common and botanical names of trees in Missouri or which may be transplanted in Missouri.

Working knowledge of:

- Common municipal laws, ordinances, and policies pertaining to the planting, maintenance, treatment, and removal of trees.

Ability to:

- Supervise the work of a large staff of skilled and semi-skilled workers.
- Maintain necessary records and prepare appropriate operational reports.
- Deal tactfully and courteously with members of the public and others.

Education and Experience

Accredited Bachelor's degree with major course work in horticulture, forestry, which includes: Botany, Ecology, Wildlife, Biology, Natural Resource Science and Terrestrial Ecosystems;

Or

Five (5) years of professional work experience as an ISA Certified Arborist.

**Certificates/
Licenses/Special
Requirements**

- Will be required to pass a preemployment drug screen.
- Must pass a physical examination as prescribed by the City.
- Must pass a background check as prescribed by the City.

**Supervisory
Responsibility**

Supervision may be exercised over tree crews made up of skilled and semi-skilled workers.

**Supervision
Received**

Work is performed under general supervision and requires the exercise of independent judgment and initiative.

Note: This job description should not be construed to imply that these requirements are the exclusive standards of the position. Incumbents will follow any other instructions, and perform any other related duties, as may be required. Reasonable accommodation will be provided to qualified individuals with disabilities. The City of Kansas City has the right to revise this job description at any time. The job description is not to be construed as a contract for employment.

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