



## City of Kansas City, Missouri Job Class Specification

**Job Title:** FORESTRY TECHNICIAN

**Department:** PARKS & REC

**Job Code:** 5724

**Status:** NONEXEMPT

**Grade:** L-5

### Summary

This is skilled work in maintaining trees along public streets and on public grounds.

Work involves responsibility for a variety of tasks incidental to the care and maintenance of trees on city streets and grounds. Work the maintenance of proper safety precautions to protect other employees and the public. An employee of this class takes responsibility for the pruning, removing, planting, trimming and care of trees on city grounds. Assignments are received verbally or in the form of work orders and typically have detailed instructions regarding the work to be performed. Work is inspected during the process and is subject to final review for conformance with instructions by a supervisor.

### Duties and Responsibilities

- Prunes, removes, plants, trims and cares for trees along city streets and on public grounds.
- Uses an aerial lift truck or climbing ropes and saddle to ascend trees and perform tree care and maintenance work.
- May direct the work performed as instructed by a supervisor.
- Participates in the planning, transplanting, mulching, watering, spraying for diseases and insects, digging and other maintenance needs for trees planted in public streets and public properties.
- Participates in the removal of brush from cities properties and easements.
- Participates in the removal of dead, dying and storm damaged trees.
- Participates in the pruning of dead, broken undesirable branches, including crown thinning, training and shaping the trees when needed.
- Responsible for applying safety procedure while performing all trees works.
- Responsible for learning and practicing of proper techniques of trimming overhead utility lines.
- Responsible for the care and maintenance of tools and equipment, and ensures that proper safety precautions are taken to protect the lives and properties of other workers and the public.
- Performs inspections on trees and able to identify basic tree related problems (insects infestation, hazardous trees and disease trees).
- Understands and carryout specific oral and written instructions.
- Performs related duties as required.

<b>Technical Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must demonstrate knowledge of tree care and maintenance methods and techniques; the occupational hazards and safety precautions of ascending trees and performing work; rigging methods and of the use and maintenance of the tools and equipment of the tree care and maintenance trade; insects, parasites and diseases which attack trees and of the proper methods of their control.</li> <li>▪ Must demonstrate ability to operate an aerial lift truck and use climbing ropes and saddle to do work in high and hazardous locations; lead and direct the work of others; operate automotive equipment safely and according to traffic laws and regulations.</li> <li>▪ Must demonstrate skill in the use and care of a chainsaw, climber, ropes, knots and the tools and equipment commonly used in tree trimming and tree care and maintenance operations.</li> <li>▪ Must demonstrate ability to perform addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of whole numbers and fractions.</li> <li>▪ Must demonstrate the ability to write information accurately and legibly.</li> </ul>
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<b>Education and Experience</b>	Six (6) months of experience in tree trimming work.
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<b>Certificates/ Licenses/Special Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must possess a valid State –issued driver's license in accordance with the City of KCMO policies.</li> <li>▪ May be required to possess a valid CDL (Commercial Driver's License) Class A, B or C issued by the State of Missouri prior to the end of the employee's probationary period (appropriate CDL will be determined by the department).</li> <li>▪ Must pass a physical examination as prescribed by the City.</li> <li>▪ Must pass a background check as prescribed by the City.</li> <li>▪ Will be required to pass a preemployment drug screen</li> </ul>
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<b>Supervisory Responsibility</b>	None
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<b>Supervision Received</b>	Work is performed under general supervision.
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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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