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**CITY OF WHARTON
EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**

*Class specifications are intended to present a descriptive list of the range of duties performed by employees in the class. Specifications are **not** intended to reflect all duties performed within the job.*

DEFINITION

To operate construction and maintenance equipment in support of a variety of activities including mowing, excavating, grading, loading and related operations; and to perform other parks, horticulture, or street maintenance related duties as assigned.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives general supervision from higher level staff.

Exercises no supervision.

EXAMPLES OF IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES--*Important responsibilities and duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:*

Essential duties and responsibilities

Operate construction and maintenance equipment such as tractors, trucks, riding mowers, push-mowers, backhoes, dump trucks, front-end loaders, table saws, sewer machines, spray paint machines, and various other equipment in support of a variety of maintenance and construction operations.

Participate in the repair and maintenance of parks, publicly owned properties, city streets, roads, and rights-of-way.

Excavate drainage ditches and backfill jobs upon completion.

Perform additional grounds maintenance, construction and maintenance tasks such as park and roadway mowing, seeding, concrete work, truck driving, concrete spreading, jackhammering, and a variety of minor repair activities.

Operate a power mower to cut grass along roadways and in park areas; spray herbicide and insecticide.

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Essential duties and responsibilities

Drive a truck and picks up debris; haul dirt, brush, limestone, rock, and black top.

Transport and deliver equipment from construction sites; wash and maintain vehicles.

Perform basic preventive maintenance on medium and light equipment as required; maintain park equipment.

Perform tasks involving street, water, and park maintenance and repair work on infrastructure such as pavement, concrete, catch basins, driveways, and tree and brush removal.

Operate street sweeper; conduct general maintenance on street sweeper; remove and install new brooms.

Set up equipment for laser and tripod; assist with survey work.

Clean pipes and culverts; build and set forms for concrete installation and repair.

Build and install street signs.

Maintain records and logs of all work performed.

Use a variety of equipment to maintain, prune and trim city trees.

Install street barricades and cones prior to the performance of street repair activities; Direct and control traffic around work sites.

Other important duties and responsibilities

Respond to public inquires in a courteous manner.

Operate and maintain recycling facility; conduct general building and ground maintenance on city facilities.

Perform other duties as assigned

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QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Basic operation and maintenance requirements of light and medium power-driven equipment.

Basic practices, methods, and materials used in general construction and maintenance work.

Traffic laws, ordinances, and rules involved in light and medium equipment operations.

General methods and procedures related to street, drainage, landscape and traffic control maintenance work.

Occupational hazards and standard safety practices.

Ability to:

Operate a variety of light and heavy power-driven equipment.

Perform a variety of semi-skilled and skilled construction and maintenance tasks.

Perform a variety of manual tasks for extended periods of time and in unfavorable weather conditions.

Perform heavy manual labor.

Understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Follow all safety rules and regulations of the department to which assigned.

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Ability to:

Maintain physical condition appropriate to the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities which may include the following:

- *walking, standing, bending or crouching for extended periods of time*
- *operating assigned equipment and vehicles.*

Maintain effective audio-visual discrimination and perception needed for:

- *making observations*
- *communicating with others*
- *operating assigned equipment and vehicles.*

Experience and Training Guidelines

Any combination of experience and training that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Experience:

One to two years of general maintenance and light equipment operations experience.

Training:

Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade.

License or Certificate

Possession of, or ability to obtain, an appropriate, C.D.L. and drivers license.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Environmental Conditions:

Travel from site to site; field environment; exposure to noise, dust, grease, smoke, fumes, gases, and inclement weather conditions; work around heavy construction equipment.

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Physical Conditions:

Essential and marginal functions may require maintaining physical condition necessary for walking, standing, bending or crouching for prolonged periods of time; general manual dexterity.