

## **PUBLIC SERVICES EQUIPMENT OPERATOR 1**

### **GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:**

Performs various skilled construction and maintenance duties in the public services department. Regularly operates smaller pieces of equipment and serves as a back-up equipment operator for larger, more complex machinery. Must demonstrate efficiency and competency on all pieces of Town equipment. Performs routine work including a variety of manual labor, in repairing and maintaining the town's streets, sidewalks, water and wastewater pipes, or other town structures, facilities and grounds.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION:**

Salary Grade: 9 Hiring Range: \$21.00 - \$23.00 Generally scheduled between the hours of 7AM–6PM, Tuesday – Friday. Hours may vary due to emergency response issues. Reports to Public Services Superintendent.

### **DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:**

An employee in this class performs routine equipment operator work in maintaining and repairing safe and attractive structures, facilities, and grounds for use by town residents. Employee operates pickup truck and trailer, tractor, mower, backhoe, skid steer, knuckleboom, dump truck, and/or other motorized equipment. Work includes landscaping, digging, equipment maintenance, leaf collection, truck driving, repairing water and wastewater pipes, resurfacing cuts in streets, ditch maintenance, and other tasks as assigned.

### **ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK:**

- Operates lighter equipment including tractors, mowers and trucks with trailers; mows and bush-hogs sewer line rights-of-way and other town grounds
- Drives dump truck, garbage truck, knuckleboom, leaf truck and operates leaf vacuum for curbside collections
- Operates equipment to remove snow or other street maintenance issues
- Operates water jet sewer cleaning machine to remove roots and debris from sewer line
- Perform general landscaping work and general clean-up of town facilities
- Dig, patch, backfill pavement or grounds using shovel, dump truck and other equipment
- Assists with broken water and waste water repairs

### **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:**

- Considerable knowledge of equipment operation and general maintenance
- Ability to operate backhoe, loader, mower, tractor, dump truck, leaf blower, weed eater, tamp, jackhammer and other maintenance equipment
- Some knowledge of maintenance tasks such as painting, basic plumbing and electrical
- Skilled in use of hand and power tools
- Ability to perform duties in heavy traffic and adverse weather conditions
- Ability to receive oral and written instructions by supervisor
- Ability to establish effective working relationships with supervisors and co-workers and to work as part of a team in a variety of weather conditions

### **PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND WORKING CONDITIONS:**

- Exerting up to 50 pounds of force occasionally and/or 20 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Employee is required to have visual acuity to determine the accuracy, neatness and thoroughness of the work assigned or to make general observations of facilities or structures and surrounding including traffic.
- Employee must have visual acuity to operate motor vehicles or heavy equipment
- Employee is subject to extreme cold or heat for periods of more than one hour
- Employee is subject to extreme noise and must be able to communicate above the noise level
- Employee is subject to vibration or oscillating movements of the extremities or whole body
- Employee is subject to a variety of atmospheric conditions including fumes, odors, dust, mist, etc. as well as physical conditions including moving mechanical parts, moving vehicles and electrical current

### **EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:**

Minimum requirements: Graduation from a high school or GED program with some experience in the operation of heavy equipment. Preferred: Graduation from a high school or GED program, supplemented with coursework in equipment maintenance or other similar skilled trade, and one (1) year of experience in a municipal public services department or with a utility maintenance contractor. Or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- North Carolina Commercial Driver's license – minimum of Class "B" is required
- Must be able to obtain Water Distribution Grade C and/or Sewer Collections Certification 1 ad required by the town
- Must be available to be "on-call" for emergency response

FLSA Status: Non-exempt