

TREE TRIMMER FOREMAN

PURPOSE AND NATURE OF WORK

Position is responsible for inspecting, supervising and participating in the activities of a crew engaged in trimming, cutting, and removal of hazardous trees from public property and/or right-of-ways. Work involves considerable public contact with property owners in order to obtain the necessary permission for trimming crews. Work is performed under the supervision of the Grounds Maintenance Foreman and has supervisory responsibility for an in-house tree trimming crew and a contract crew.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK (Note: These examples are intended only to illustrate the various types of work performed by incumbents in this class. All of the duties performed by any one incumbent may not be listed, nor does any incumbent necessarily perform all of these duties.)

Evaluates requests for services from Grounds Maintenance Foreman for tree trimming services. Performs field inspections and determines need for tree trimming, removal, or monitoring. Inspects work in progress and/or upon completion, prepares and maintains related records and files. Establishes priorities and schedules tree trimming crew(s) based on severity of risk or proximity of jobs. Contacts property owners, explains necessity of tree trimming, obtains cooperation where possible, initiates alternative means where impossible. Plans, supervises, and participates in the work of tree trimming crew involved in cutting and removing hazardous trees or branches from public property or right-of-ways. Inspects and ensures that work is performed to the standards of the Louisiana Department of Forestry. Instructs crew in proper and safe procedures to be followed and ensures safety of worksite.

Performs related work as required.

NECESSARY KNOWLEDGES, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS

Considerable knowledge of tree preservation, methods, procedures, tools, and equipment used in tree trimming (example: a bucket truck, chipper, and chainsaws).

Considerable knowledge of the hazards involved and the safety precautions necessary in tree trimming.

Ability to determine ownership of property and public right-of-ways.

Ability to exercise tact and patience in securing compliance of property owners.

Ability to communicate effectively and clearly, orally and in writing.

Ability to form and maintain effective working relationships with citizens, elected officials, contractors and supervisors.

DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Graduation from a high school and considerable experience in tree trimming work, including supervising the work of others; or an equivalent combination of training and experience. Certification as an Arborist by the State of Louisiana.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT

Possession of the appropriate class commercial driver's license as issued by the State of Louisiana.