

Sanitation Equipment Operator (Equipment Operator II)

General Statement of Duties

Performs routine heavy equipment operation in the City's public works department.

Distinguishing Features of the Class

An employee in this class operates a variety of heavy equipment for garbage and refuse or debris collection. Equipment may include an automated side loading garbage truck (one-arm bandit), rear loading garbage truck, boom loader truck, dump truck, and a mechanical street sweeper. Emphasis of the work is on operating large vehicles to collect garbage in the city's residential and business districts. Work is performed as a member of a sanitation collection crew and includes safely operating and controlling the equipment, supervising sanitation workers on the crew, and daily inspections of sanitation equipment. Work is performed under the supervision of an operations manager and is evaluated for efficient and effective completion of work assignments, public complaints, and visual inspection of the employee's assigned route.

Illustrative Examples of Work

- Drives a sanitation truck along an assigned route for curbside collection of waste from residences and businesses
- Operates various trucks including side loading garbage truck (one-arm bandit) to grab, lift, and dump garbage containers; rear loading garbage truck which compresses garbage; boom loader trucks (knuckle boom) to pick up piles of brush and large white goods and other bulky items onto truck; leaf vacuum trucks to suck up leaves and supervises maintenance workers who operate the vacuum boom suction pipe; mechanical street sweeper to sweep along street curbing; other heavy equipment such as back hoes to excavate trenches or dig holes
- Compiles reports for supervisors of brush and waste to be collected
- Notifies customers or citizens of collection policies
- Checks vital working parts of the trucks; reports any maintenance needs to the sanitation superintendent
- Participates in routine cleaning of garbage collection vehicles including washing, steaming, and cleaning interior

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Knowledge of garbage truck operation characteristics and other related special heavy equipment
- Knowledge of geographical location of city streets
- Knowledge of traffic laws and regulations pertaining to heavy equipment operations
- Knowledge of effective communication techniques sufficient to explain City policies and procedures
- Ability to operate and perform preventive maintenance on various types of heavy equipment
- Ability to work as a member of a work crew or team on various assignments
- Ability to perform duties in heavy traffic and under adverse weather conditions

Physical Requirements

Work in this position is heavy work exerting up to 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Employee is required to have close visual acuity to perform visual inspection of small defects or parts, operation or inspection of machines, use measurement devices, and assembly of parts at distances close to eyes. Employee must have the visual acuity to be the operator of a truck, forklift, cranes, or other heavy equipment and determine the accuracy, neatness, and thoroughness of the work assigned.

Working conditions

An employee in this class is subject to outside environmental conditions including extreme cold and heat sufficient to take precautions. Employee is subject to a level of noise requiring workers to shout in order to be heard above the ambient noise level. Employee is subject to hazards including a variety of physical conditions such as proximity to moving mechanical parts, electrical current, working on scaffolding and high places, or exposure to chemicals and potentially infectious bodily fluids. Employee is subject to variations in atmospheric conditions including fumes, odors, dusts, mists, gases, or poor ventilation. Employee is subject to variation in weather conditions including working in temperatures below 32 degrees or above 100 degrees for more than one hour with protective clothing.

Education and Experience

Graduation from high school or GED equivalency and 2 - 4 years experience operating heavy equipment such as a sanitation truck (rear packer), dump truck, boom truck, or equivalent. Candidates must also be capable of working regular hours, be available to work weekends or holidays, and available for call-in duty in case of emergencies.

Special Requirement

NC Commercial Driver's License (CDL-B); some positions may be designated to have a NC CDL-A license to transport heavy equipment

FLSA Status: Nonexempt

Disclaimer

This classification specification has been designed to indicate the general nature and level of work performed by employees within this classification. It is not designed to contain or be interpreted as a comprehensive inventory of all duties, responsibilities, and qualifications required of employees to perform the job. The Physical Requirements and Working Conditions section of this classification may vary from position to position and a more thorough description of these elements can be found in the employee's Position Description Questionnaire (PDQ). The City reserves the right to assign or otherwise modify the duties assigned to this classification.