



PUBLIC WORKS PARKS CUSTODIAN POSITION DESCRIPTION

General Statement of Duties:

The Parks Custodian is responsible for the operations and maintenance of City parks and greenspaces. In addition the Parks Custodian will periodically be required to assist other Municipal Services Department functions and operations, including on-call duty.

Distinguishing Features of the Position:

This position may require after hours work as needed for special events and attending Park Board meetings. This position is appointed by Municipal Services Superintendent and reports to the Public Works Foreman. This position is hourly and non-represented.

Examples of work (illustrative only):

Maintenance of Parks:

- Performs basic lawn care requiring the operation of riding mowers, push mowers, weed whackers and other landscaping or maintenance equipment.
- Generally responsible for all the up keep and maintenance of the park system.
- Maintains the look and health of park trees through pruning, trimming and removal/replanting.
- Maintaining and conducting minor repairs to playground equipment, shelters, benches, waste containers and fencing.

Miscellaneous:

- Periodically assists other department employees in other functions and operations, including: street maintenance operations; snow removal; sanitary sewer maintenance operations; storm sewer maintenance operations; tree trimming/removal any and all other operations of the department.
- Maintains a friendly and helpful working relationship with co-workers, citizens, and public officials.
- Adheres to all safety requirements for the performance of all assigned tasks and wears all Personal Protective Equipment required.
- Performs minor repair and maintenance to equipment used.
- Performs any and all other tasks as assigned.

Required Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Knowledge of safety operation of vehicles used by public works.
- Knowledge of safe operation of equipment used by public works.
- Ability and willingness to stay current with advanced technology through employer provided training and/or formal classes.
- High school diploma or equivalent is required.
- Valid commercial driver's license (CDL) with air brake endorsement, with good driving record, is required.
- Knowledge of regulatory agencies: OSHA, DOT and DWD.

- Completed training, continuing education and knowledge in CPR, AED operations and first-aid.

Work Environment:

Working outside in the elements such as heat, cold, rain and sun. Potential for high levels of pollen, dust and other irritants typical with outdoor conditions and large maintenance garages. Potential to work at night running snow plows during blizzard like conditions. Standing, walking, working and driving around or within moving traffic. Working in a large maintenance shop with running equipment, loud noise, and hazardous or flammable chemicals. Work in confined spaces including but not limited to well or pump house, catch basins, excavation sites and the water tower.

Physical Demands:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to use hands and arms. The employee is occasionally required to climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The employee is occasionally required to walk, sit, and talk or hear. The employee may be required to lift, pull and/or move 50 pounds for extended periods. Must occasionally lift, pull and/or move 100 pounds with mechanical and/or physical assistance. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, color vision, and the ability to adjust focus. Must be capable of periodic heavy stretching and pulling for extended periods of time.

Selection guidelines:

Formal applications, rating of education and experience, or an interview and reference check. Job related tests may be required.

Compensation:

The City of Evansville's Pay Philosophy categorizes this position in a pay grade of 4.

The duties listed above are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position.

The position description for the Parks Custodian does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change. No individual City official has authority to enter into an oral or written promise or contract of employment with any individual or group of employees. Any employment contract must be approved by a majority of the Common Council.

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