



## Equipment Operator

Department/Division:	Parks and Recreation or Public Works
Reports To:	Landscape Maintenance Supervisor or Public Works Maintenance Supervisor
Provides Direction To:	None

### GENERAL PURPOSE

Under general supervision, operates construction and maintenance equipment in a variety of maintenance activities including asphalt, concrete, park maintenance and sanitation work; and performs other related duties as required.

### DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

The Equipment Operator is the journey-level maintenance classification in the Maintenance Division of the Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments. This class receives direction from either the Landscape Maintenance Supervisor or the Public Works Supervisor. It is distinguished from maintenance workers by its higher level of equipment operation skills.

### ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The duties listed below 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 this position.

1. Performs skilled work in the operation of the assigned moderately heavy equipment according to work schedule and general instructions; reads and interprets plans to determine task requirements.
2. As assigned, drives motor sweeper on a specified route; performs special sweeps for glass in roadway, cement spills, and other debris; reports on cars, trees, and pavement that may impede street sweeping operations; makes minor adjustments along the route to motor sweeper equipment reporting any breakage and the need for more complicated adjustments or repair.
3. As assigned, operates a variety of park maintenance and construction equipment including mowers and tractors equipped with tilling, leveling and

aerating equipment, and other light to heavy equipment in the maintenance of park and landscaped areas.

4. As assigned, operates tractor with attachments for grading, leveling and repairing trails.
5. Mows, removes grass cuttings, leaves and debris in City parks, playgrounds and other turf areas. Loads and unloads sand, gravel, soil and decomposed granite. Grades ball fields and verifies measurements of markings and dimensions. Re-seeds, re-sods and fertilizes lawn areas.
6. As assigned, operates sewer jetter and coil rodder equipment to clear sewer lines and storm drain systems of dirt and debris.
7. As assigned, operates skip loader, backhoe, dump truck and various other power-driven equipment in the performance of construction, maintenance and repair tasks.
8. Maintains and repairs streets and street signs.
9. Using equipment, places sewer covers, digs holes and ditches, moves dirt and heavy loads at construction sites, transports and dumps loads, breaks concrete, loads and hauls to dump sites.
10. Performs various tasks involved in the routine preventative maintenance and minor repair of the assigned equipment and may assist the Equipment Mechanic with greasing and lubrication, changing oil and filters, changing tires and/or tools, replacing belts and hoses, and maintaining fluid levels.
11. Coordinates activities with other department staff.
12. Completes and submits required reports on work performed as required.
13. May be assigned to assist maintenance crews and operate other motorized equipment as necessary; participates in traffic control activities as required.
14. Responds to emergency situations in the city as required and follows applicable safety rules and regulations.
15. Performs other related duties as assigned

## **QUALIFICATIONS GUIDELINES**

### **Knowledge of:**

Considerable knowledge of the mechanical operation of the assigned power-driven equipment; occupational hazards and routine safety precautions; working knowledge of Code and regulations governing operation of equipment in City streets; methods, practices, tools and materials used in streets, parks and grounds construction and maintenance.

### **Ability to:**

Operate moderately heavy, power-driven equipment with or including outboard attachments safely and efficiently; learn and follow street/alley routes; detect the need for major mechanical maintenance; perform routine adjustments and maintenance on equipment used; use and care of hand tools in making minor adjustments and performing routine maintenance of the assigned equipment; prepare routine records; work effectively in the absence of supervision; read and write English at the level required for successful job performance; establish and maintain cooperative-working relationships with those contacted through course of work and provide effective customer service.

### **Education/Training/Experience:**

Any combination equivalent to experience and education that could likely provide the required knowledge and abilities. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

**Education:** Graduation from high school or equivalent.

**Experience:** Two or more years of experience performing parks maintenance, repair or construction work, including the operation of equipment comparable to that described above.

### **Licenses; Certificates; Special Requirements:**

A valid Driver License issued from a State Department of Motor Vehicles for the type of vehicles or equipment operated in the course of employment is required. Class B license. Ability to work on stand-by in order to respond to emergency conditions.

## **PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DEMANDS**

The physical and mental demands described here are representative of those that must be met by employees to successfully perform the essential functions of this class. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

### **Physical Demands**

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to use hands to finger, handle, feel or operate objects, tools, or controls and reach with hands and arms. The employee frequently is required to stand and talk or hear; walk; sit; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl.

The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 50 pounds and occasionally lift and move materials, tools and equipment weighing up to 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

### **Mental Demands**

While performing the duties of this class, employees are regularly required to use written and oral communication skills; read and interpret data, information and documents; analyze and solve problems; use math and mathematical reasoning; observe and interpret situations; learn and apply new information or new skills; work under deadlines with constant interruptions; and interact with City staff, other organizations and the public; occasionally required to deal with dissatisfied or quarrelsome individuals.

## **WORK ENVIRONMENT**

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this class. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

The employee regularly works in outside weather conditions. The employee frequently works near moving mechanical parts, and is exposed to traffic, wet or humid conditions, and vibration. The employee occasionally works in high, precarious places and is exposed to fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, and risk of electrical shock. The noise level is frequently loud.