



JOB POSTING – March 4, 2019
DEADLINE- Open until filled
Tree Climber
Department of Public Works

Position Summary: Performs a variety of skilled work involving the trimming, removal, installation and general maintenance of street and park trees; operates and maintains tree maintenance equipment; performs hazard tree assessment, tree planting; and related work as required.

Essential Functions:

- Climbs trees using ladders and climbing equipment or works from bucket of an aerial lift truck boom to perform tree maintenance tasks, pruning, limb removal, or line clearing.
- Establishes safe work zones and adheres to safe work practices including the use of personal protective equipment.
- Directs the work of the immediate support crew in a safe and effective manner.
- Operates and maintains all types of tree maintenance equipment such as aerial lift trucks, chainsaws, brush chippers, sprayers, stump grinders, or other tools and equipment.
- Performs cabling, bolting and bracing operations and incidental cavity work.
- Keeps records of work performed, including damage to property.
- Responds to inquiries from the general public regarding tree maintenance work and explains City tree policies.
- Confers with City Forester to plan, review work projects, and make suggestions to better implement the work program.
- Performs the duties of the City Forester in his/her absence.
- Responds to emergency calls outside of normal work hours as required.

Knowledge, skill, and abilities required:

- Knowledge of materials, equipment, safety measures, and methods used in care, trimming and removal of trees; tree planting, and maintenance methods.
- Ability to direct activities of support crew; perform manual labor; monitor supplies and materials; analyze situations and adopt effective courses of action; set up safe work sites in traffic, learn the geography of the city; work cooperatively with other City crews; establish and sustain work routines.
- Ability to safely and efficiently operate aerial lifts, brush chippers, tractors and implements, spray rigs, blower, chain saws, stumpers and cutters, gas pole saw, hydraulic tools, shop tools, limb lowering devices.

Education, certification, licensure, or other similar required: High school education or GED, college courses related to forestry preferred. CDL – Class B License and Hoisting Engineer’s License 1C preferred. ISA Certification is preferred.

Supervision: Works under general supervision of the City Forester. Performs duties of a routine to complex and risky nature requiring independent judgment.

Job Environment: Field work is performed outdoors with loud noise levels and exposure to variable weather conditions and hazards associated with heavy equipment. Workload is subject to seasonal and weather-related fluctuations. Required to respond to emergencies. Operates hand power tools and equipment. Makes frequent contact with the public, municipal, state, and federal representatives, elected officials, businesses, property owners, consultants, contractors, and other City employees. Errors could result in the delay or loss of services, personal injury to self and/or others, damage to buildings and equipment, and significant monetary loss and/or legal repercussions.

Physical Requirements: Regularly required to sit, talk, and hear; use hands to finger, handle, feel or operate objects, tools, or controls, and reach with hands and arms. Physical agility required to access all areas of properties and inspection sites, assist in manual labor, and lift and/or move objects weighing up to 100 pounds. Vision and hearing at or correctable to normal ranges. *The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to perform successfully the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodation(s) if needed will be provided for the employee with the adequate strength, dexterity, coordination, and visual acuity in a manner that does not post a direct threat to the health or safety of the employee or others in the workplace.*

Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) status: Non-Exempt (Hourly)

Employment status & Hours: Regular Full-Time employment, 40 hours per week, Monday-Friday 7a-3p.

Pay Rate: \$19.62-\$21.30/hour (Local 1459)

Employee Benefits: Health, Dental, Life Insurance, Flexible Spending Account (FSA)

Please send letter of interest, resume, and three references by email only to (Personnel@Holyoke.org)
Attn: Personnel Director.

No phone call inquires or walk-in applications, please.

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