

NEW CASTLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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CLASS SPECIFICATION

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Title: TREE TRIMMER

Approved:

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GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Performs skilled work in the pruning, care, and treatment of trees and performs related manual labor; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: An employee in this class performs skilled work involving the application of specialized training and experience in the maintenance and care of trees. Work involves the hazard of climbing trees to cut limbs and prune branches at any height. This employee must be skilled in roping off procedures in areas of high risk and is required to work in such areas. This employee must also be able to set up job procedures, function as the lead person in a tree crew, and be familiar with the cabling, screw rodding, and cavity treatment of trees. The Tree Trimmer works under general supervision.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative only)

- Climbs trees of any height to remove limbs and branches with the aid of ropes or bucket truck;
- Removes dead or decaying trees and/or tree limbs using power saws, pruning shears, and other similar tools;
- Cleans and fills cavities in trees;
- Performs tracing on scarred trees;
- Removes fallen trees, brush and other debris;
- Fertilizes, plants and transplants trees and shrubs;
- Applies chemical sprays to trees to control insects and disease;
- Sets up and performs cabling and screw rodding procedures in trees;
- Operates vehicles assigned to forestry section;
- Operates mechanized equipment such as tree spades, stump cutters, hydraulic sprayer, hydraulic lifting arms, hydraulic lifting buckets, brush chippers, wood splitters, and other forestry equipment;
- Acts as a lead person in a tree crew;
- Assists in the training of other crew members;
- Oversees authorized public firewood cutting on County land;
- Promotes an ongoing attitude of dedication to excellent public service and ensures that external and internal customers are provided with the highest quality of service;
- Operates a personal computer and other related equipment in the course of the work.

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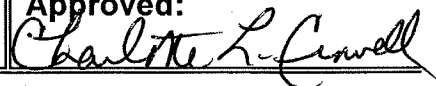
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REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES: Good knowledge of the common methods and practices, tools and materials, terminology, hazards, aerial rescue techniques, and safety precautions of forestry work; good knowledge of tree diseases, infestations, and corrective treatment; ability to prune, treat, and remove trees; ability to use pole shears, power saws, sprayers, stump cutters, wood chippers, hydraulic equipment, and all other tools and equipment of the trade; skill in climbing high trees and working under hazardous conditions; ability to lay out tree work; good coordination and dexterity.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: At least three (3) years experience in tree climbing and tree maintenance work at the level of a tree crew member and completion of 8th grade; or an equivalent combination of experience, education or training directly related to the required knowledge, skills, and abilities.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: Possession of a valid Delaware Class D driver's license or its equivalent; must obtain a valid Delaware commercial driver's license Class B (CDL B) within three (3) months of placement within the position. Ability to pass a Class II County physical examination and background check.

HISTORY OF REVISIONS:

Established:	08/20/82
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