

Class Title: Equipment Operator

Bargaining Unit: General Employees - Personnel Code

Class Code: Full Time

Salary: \$16.00 - \$25.63 Hourly

Nature of Work

This is a senior-level skilled and lead worker in the operation of large, construction-type equipment having complex operating requirements. Work involves responsibility for the safe and efficient operation of backhoe and similar heavy equipment. The employee may perform lead work over new employees or laborers.

Supervision

Work is performed under general supervision of a maintenance supervisor. Work requires, as a primary factor, the operation of heavy construction-type equipment where such operation constitutes the primary purpose of employment. Employee must be able to skillfully operate and manipulate heavy equipment in close proximity to buried natural gas lines, electric lines, water lines, in compliance with rules and regulations. Work is reviewed for results obtained and through performance appraisals.

Essential Functions of Work

Operates a backhoe as primary function to perform various maintenance and repair activities such as digging water lines, storm sewer lines, sanitary lines, underground electric lines, and dry well pits; loads broken concrete to line drainage ditches, uses backhoe buckets to repair traffic lights, removes sign posts and clean ditches; moves and loads steel plates, dirt, rocks, debris, and construction materials, excavates and performs backfilling work; avoids power lines and other utilities.

Operates road grader, trencher, ground pounder, front end loader, and other equipment when performing other street and storm sewer maintenance and repair jobs; makes minor repairs and adjustments on assigned equipment. Equipment will be used to maintain the Blendon Central Cemetery.

Performs varied manual and equipment operation duties in flushing, and otherwise cleaning sewers and in repairing manholes and lines; builds, cleans, and repairs catch basins; rebuilds storm sewer inlets and sanitary sewer manholes.

Performs a variety of skilled and semiskilled tasks during periods and at intervals when not engaged in equipment operation.

May provide guidance and training to less experienced operators on tasks involving equipment operation; performs lead work on specific jobs.

Performs related work as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF WORK

High School Diploma

Three years of experience in the operation of motorized equipment, including experience in the operation of heavy construction equipment; or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the following knowledge, abilities, and skills:

Considerable knowledge of the operation and maintenance requirements of heavy-duty construction equipment.

Considerable knowledge of the traffic laws and regulations applicable to equipment operation.

Considerable knowledge of the hazards of equipment operation and of appropriate safety precautions.

Knowledge of department rules and regulations and municipal policies and procedures related to operation of heavy equipment.

Knowledge of street, storm, traffic and utility systems in the jurisdiction.

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with others.

Ability to climb up onto heavy equipment.

Ability to observe and control materials being moved while operating equipment.

Ability to hear obstacles as they encounter the equipment and redirect the equipment.

Ability to use peripheral vision in avoiding hazards while operating equipment.

Ability to visually detect power lines, water meters, vehicles, and other hazards while operating the equipment.

Ability to drive the equipment.

Ability to load and unload equipment.

Ability to lift heavy objects when maintaining equipment.

Ability to judge distance effectively in operating all equipment.

Ability to stand and sit for long periods of time.

Ability to operate equipment in the dark for special or emergency projects.

Availability for twenty-four hour emergency call-ins.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a valid Ohio Commercial Class B driver's license with air brakes driver's license.