

CITY OF SALINAS

POWER MOWER OPERATOR

BARGAINING UNIT/CLASS CODE:

SEIU / J13

DEFINITION

To operate a power mower in cutting grass at City parks, golf courses or other turfed areas; to perform minor maintenance tasks on mower equipment; and to perform park maintenance work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives general, technical or functional supervision from the Golf Course Maintenance Crew Supervisor position. May exercise technical supervision over others in training or operation of power mower equipment.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS OF THE POSITION Duties may include, but are not limited to the following:

Operate power mower and related grounds conditioning equipment. Drive truck and trailer in transporting mower. Wash, clean, and service mowers, trucks and related equipment. Repair and make field adjustments to power mower. Remove, sharpen, and replace cutting reels, bed knives and cutting blades. Operate power sharpening equipment in grinding and backlapping cutting units. Perform park or golf maintenance duties when not operating or maintaining mower. Perform related duties as assigned.

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Physical, mental and emotional stamina to perform the duties and responsibilities of the position; manual dexterity sufficient to safely use equipment and tools; vision sufficient to read printed materials, read small print on documents, maps and material safety data sheets; detect subtle shades of color; hearing sufficient to conduct in person and telephone conversations; speaking ability in an understandable voice with sufficient volume to be heard in a normal conversational distance, over the sound of operating machinery, on the telephone, two-way radio and in addressing groups; physical agility to push/pull, squat, twist, turn, bend, stoop and reach overhead; physical mobility sufficient to move about the work environment, physical strength to lift from the floor up to 50 lbs. unassisted, and up to 80 pounds with assistance; physical stamina sufficient to sit, stand or walk for prolonged periods of time, ability to persevere long periods of exposure to pollen and grass - no severe allergic reactions to dust or pollen; mental acuity to collect and interpret data, evaluate, reason, define problems, establish facts, draw valid conclusions, make valid judgments and decisions.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Outdoors working environment subject to pre-dawn hours and adverse conditions such as heat, cold, rain and in awkward and confined spaces. Sit while operating equipment for long periods of time, occasional walking on uneven surfaces bending, crouching or kneeling, pushing/pulling of levers on equipment and machinery, reaching in all directions and prolonged periods of time. Work in and around potentially hazardous substances, including pesticides, herbicides and motor fuel. Physical mobility sufficient to move about the work environment, ability to drive an automobile.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Operation and maintenance of power mowing equipment. Techniques of grinding and backlapping cutting units. Methods, materials, equipment, and tools used in general park maintenance. Proper use of insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides; pest control methods, materials and safety. General building maintenance procedures and techniques; general carpentry, plumbing, and custodial work; and safe work practices.

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Ability to:

Operate a power mower; adjust blade settings; sharpen blades. Work independently and cooperatively as member of a work crew. Perform a variety of semi-skilled and skilled tasks in the maintenance of parks, public grounds, or golf courses. Apply insecticides, herbicides and fungicides as trained, and authorized. Mow and care for golf course greens. Operate a variety of equipment, power tools and hand tools. Instruct others in the proper operation of power mowers and use of related tools. Perform building maintenance and custodial work. Follow oral and written instructions. Establish and maintain effective working relationships with others. Practice safe work habits and wear protective clothing.

Skills to:

Operate and maintain a power mower; sharpen blades using proper grinding techniques. Care and maintain lawn areas, plants and trees; fertilize, do verti-cuts, and lay sod. Apply insecticides, herbicides and pesticides as trained, and authorized. Operate and maintain equipment, power tools and hand tools.

License or Certificate:

Possession of valid California driver's license appropriate to vehicles operated.

Education and Experience:

Any combination equivalent to two years of skilled grounds maintenance or landscaping experience, one year of which involved the operation and maintenance of power mowing equipment.

Reviewed _____
Department Director

Approved _____
Human Resources Officer

Approval Date _____

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