

**CLASS SPECIFICATION**

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LIGHT EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, 3523

Summary of Duties: Operates light wheeled tractors or skidloaders with attached gang mowers, discs, loaders, and other various attachments, and operates other types of small equipment, including light tracked equipment in some assignments and makes minor running repairs and adjustments to equipment and drives trucks as an incidental duty.

Class Characteristics: A Light Equipment Operator primarily uses light wheeled tractors to do a wide variety of routine maintenance work of limited difficulty at City parks, reservoirs, golf courses, and other areas where there are few other moving vehicles. An employee of this class may clean parking lots and City owned private streets with small motor sweepers and may operate light track-laying tractors in routine weed clearing and aqueduct cleaning. A Light Equipment Operator receives assignments in the form of clearly defined routes, monthly or seasonal duties, or once-only duties. Work sites are periodically inspected by supervisors for satisfactory completion of assignments. Since a Light Equipment Operator often works alone, the proper use of equipment and the prevention of damage to property are the responsibility of an employee of this class.

A Light Equipment Operator does not work at construction or refuse disposal sites, does not work to line and grade, and usually does not work in rough or hilly terrain except as required on some reservoir properties. Skill in operating heavy track-laying or wheeled equipment is not required. A Light Equipment Operator is distinguished from an Equipment Operator in that the latter routinely operates heavier wheeled or track-laying bulldozers, graders, rollers, back hoes, loaders of one-half cubic yard or larger capacity and other equipment, such as guided hoists, yard cranes of less than 10-tons rated capacity, and vehicle-mounted rotating, hydraulic-boom hoists. In addition, an Equipment Operator performs work requiring greater skills, working to surveyed line and grade, or uses equipment under such adverse conditions as working on streets with heavy traffic or working in rough and hilly terrain.

Examples of Duties:

- Operates a Tractor-C with a variety of rear-attached equipment such as gang mowers, hammer knives, discs, rakes, drags, augers, aerifiers and carry-alls to perform mowing, cutting, raking, digging, turf management, dragging baseball diamonds, and landscaping duties in park areas, golf courses, play areas, reservoirs and other areas;

- Operates a skid loader using the front bucket attachment to dig, grade, load or perform landscaping duties;
- Operates a skid loader using a rear-attached Fresno to do landscaping, rough and finish grading, and cutting and scraping baseball diamonds;
- Operates a small utility truck with a backhoe attached to excavate trenches for City street repairs; keeps records of work completed, time taken and unusual situations encountered and makes written and oral reports;
- Cleans, services, lubricates, and makes minor repairs and adjustments to equipment;
- May paint equipment and change tires;
- May operate small track-laying tractors with commonly used mechanical attachments or to tow small equipment for maintenance work of limited difficulty at nurseries, aqueduct and reservoir properties, and other areas;
- May clean parking lots and sidewalks with small motor sweepers; may operate gasoline-powered stumpcutter in parkway maintenance;
- May operate a small roller in small-scale street patching work;
- May drive a truck of less than 28,000 pounds rated gross vehicle weight to and from dumps, stock piles, or other locations, or to pull assigned equipment between job sites part of the time when not operating equipment;
- May do manual labor in hand cleaning areas not reached by equipment;
- May act as a lead in a small maintenance crew;
- May occasionally be assigned to other duties for training purposes or to meet technological changes or emergencies.

Requirements:

One year of full-time paid experience in the operation of light diesel or gasoline-powered wheel tractors.

License: Some positions with the Department of Recreation and Parks may require a commercial driver license.

Persons with disabilities may be able to perform the essential duties of this class with reasonable accommodation. Such accommodation will be evaluated on a case by case basis and depend, in part, on the specific requirements for the job, the limitations related to the disability, and the ability of the hiring department to reasonably accommodate the limitations.

As indicated in Civil Service Commission Rule 2.5 and Section 4.55 of the Administrative Code, this specification is descriptive, explanatory and not restrictive. It is not intended to declare what all of the duties and responsibilities of any position shall be.