

# Public Works

Laborer Water/Sewer

**Grade: 20**

## **General Statement of Duties**

Under general supervision, performs manual labor associated with the installation and repairs of water distribution and wastewater collection system. Performs other related work as required.

## **Distinguishing Features of the Class**

Receives general supervision from the Public Works Director. Works directly under Public Works Supervisor. Position has no formal assigned supervisory responsibility or authority.

Works with assigned crew performing manual, strenuous labor in order to repair or replace water or sewer service lines and water or sewer mains. Makes water and sewer taps. Installs or repairs fire hydrants. Unstops sewer lines. Installs two-way clean-outs in sewer service lines. Takes water samples for bacteriological analysis. Sets up barricades when required to protect employees and the public. Performs routine maintenance on vehicles, tools, and equipment. Serves on standby crew for after hour emergency work as required. Performs other related work as required.

## **Duties and Responsibilities**

The duties of this position are performed in a field environment, at development and work sites on uneven and rough terrain. Required to work in outside weather conditions, including heat, cold, temperature swings and inclement weather for extended periods of time. Frequent exposure to hazardous conditions, hazardous materials, water borne pathogens and vehicular traffic while performing strenuous manual labor. While performing the duties of this job, the employee works near heavy equipment and moving mechanical parts. Works in trenches and confined spaces. Walks, bends, stoops, squats, climbs, crawls, kneels, twists, lifts, moves, and carries equipment, tools and materials weighing up to 100 pounds of installation and repair equipment and materials while participating in work assignments.

## **Recruitment and Selection Guidelines**

- Knowledge, Skills and Abilities
- Ability to read, understand, and follow written and oral job instructions.
- Ability to hear clearly when working around equipment or in street and alley traffic.
- Knowledge of the procedures pertaining to the installation, maintenance and repair of water and wastewater system. Knowledge of materials, equipment and methods employed in water or sewer main construction or maintenance. Skilled in the use and care of job related hand and power tools, materials and equipment. Working knowledge of safety practices and procedures. Ability to

establish and maintain effective working relationships with supervisors, coworkers, other departments, and the general public. Skilled in courteously and effectively working with the public.

**Desirable Education and Experience**

**Qualified**

High School Diploma or GED. Experience in working with the maintenance/construction of a water distribution or wastewater collection system preferred.

**LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS OR REGISTRATIONS**

North Carolina Drivers License

**Job Classification**

Non-exempt