TITLE: REFUSE OPERATOR I - IV

DEFINITION: Under general supervision, lifts and empties refuse containers and operates a refuse collection truck.

REPORTS TO: Refuse Supervisor

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

Grade Level I - Performs the duties of the classification.

Grade Level II - Responsible for an assigned refuse collection route and performs the duties of the classification.

Grade Level III - Performs the duties of the classification; terminal grade level (formerly Sanitation Crew Member I).

Grade Level IV - Responsible for an assigned refuse collection route and performs the duties of the classification; terminal grade level (formerly Sanitation Crew Member II and Refuse Truck Driver).

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

- Lifts and empties refuse containers;
- Operates a refuse collection truck;
- Sets compaction blade to ensure capacity loading;
- Prevents littering of streets;
- Dumps loads at disposal sites according to assigned schedules;
- Observes prescribed weighing and dumping procedures;
- Practices safe lifting methods and may instruct others;
- Observes and enforces safety regulations;
- Washes and cleans truck and truck beds;
- Checks truck with pre- and post- inspection checklists and reports in writing mechanical defects of equipment;
- Refers customer complaints to supervisor;
- Tags containers not in compliance with City codes;
- Reports on unsatisfactory conditions of refuse containers;
- Prepares written reports as required;
- Performs other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Ability to understand and follow oral and written directions;

Deal courteously with the public;

Ability to endure long periods of physical labor; and lift and move heavy objects;

A medical exam by the Occupational Health Officer is required to verify if an individual is capable of performing this essential function;

A valid Class A or B motor vehicle operator license is required;
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Employees who operate commercial vehicles are subject to the alcohol and drug testing requirements of the Department of Transportation, Federal Highways Administration;

Candidates must show proof of a valid Class A or B motor vehicle operator license prior to appointment and a current DMV driving record must be submitted to the hiring department at time of selection interview;

Willing to work various hours/shifts, weekends, holidays, overtime, or during emergencies as required.

HISTORY:

Maintenance Assistant I/II - Refuse changed to Refuse Operator I/II; Sanitation Crew Member I changed to Refuse Operator III (T); Refuse Truck Driver (T) and Sanitation Crew Member II (T) changed to Refuse Operator IV (T) effective 02/26/97.

Revisions - Refuse Truck Driver 04/18/73; Sanitation Crew Member I/II 12/79; Maintenance Assistant I/II 12/79.

Approval/Adoption Dates: 02/26/97 - Human Resources Department
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