

Jurisdiction: City of Ithaca

Jurisdictional Class: Non-Competitive

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## **TREE TRIMMER**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The work involves responsibility for performing skilled and semi-skilled work related to pruning, trimming, planting, transplanting, felling and removing trees. The incumbent operates motor equipment in the performance of duties and also performs ground maintenance related tasks and other public works projects and activities. The work is performed under the general supervision of the City Forester or other higher level employee with some leeway allowed for exercising independent judgment in carrying out the details of the work. Does related work as required.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

Prunes trees including removing dangerous limbs;

Fells large trees and removes stumps;

Braces and cables damaged trees and large limbs;

Inspects trees for disease or damage and reports condition to the City Forester;

Transports tree trimming and other public works materials and equipment;

Operates and performs basic maintenance on a variety of motor and other equipment relative to the work including aerial truck, dump truck, backhoe, stump grinder, wood chipper, ropes, pruning poles, chain saws, side arm mower, loader, weed eater, lawn mower, jack hammer and other tools;

Performs other public works related work including planting, watering and pruning trees and shrubs, mowing grass, cultivating flower beds, setting boulders, spraying herbicide, removing snow and mixing and pouring cement;

Meets with a higher level employee to receive assignments and discuss the scope and progress of work;

May interact with the public and provide information relative to tree related questions;

May lead and participate in tree related projects involving other city employees.

### **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Good knowledge of the principles and practices of arboricultural and urban forestry including the planting, growth, maintenance and protection of trees; good knowledge of principles and practices of rigging ropes, cables and pulleys used in trimming, removing and bracing trees; ability to perform skilled work related to pruning, trimming, planting, transplanting, felling and removing trees; ability to operate work-related equipment including chain saws, pruning poles and files; ability to operate an aerial truck and a back-hoe; ability to act as a lead worker in projects involving other employees; ability to maintain work records; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; ability to successfully work with and serve a diverse local community; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Two (2) years of full-time paid experience, or its part-time equivalent, trimming, pruning, felling, planting and/or transplanting trees.

Note: Successfully completed college coursework in arboriculture, forestry, urban forestry or a closely related field may be substituted for up to one (1) year of the required work experience, with thirty (30) credit hours of college coursework in the above fields being equivalent to one (1) year of full-time work experience. The coursework must have been completed at a college or university accredited by a regional, national, or specialized agency recognized as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education and/or U.S. Secretary of Education. If an applicant's coursework was completed at an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, the applicant must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies who provide this service can be found at <https://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm>. Applicants are responsible for payment of the required evaluation fee.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:**

Candidates must possess a valid New York State Class D driver license or a valid driver license equivalent to a New York State Class D driver license at the time of appointment and must obtain a New York State Class B Commercial Driver License (CDL) or a valid Commercial Driver License equivalent to a New York State Class B Commercial Driver License within six (6) months of appointment. Said licenses must be maintained for the duration of employment.