

COMMUNITY FORESTRY INSPECTOR

NATURE OF WORK

This is responsible technical work responding to public tree service requests and inspection of public trees in the Community Forestry Section.

Work involves responsibility for response to public tree service requests and inspection of public trees for needed maintenance working including trimming and removal; determining necessary tree maintenance activities; review of development of street plans for new developments, setting amounts for street tree sureties, inspection of trees planted in new subdivisions, and release of street tree sureties. Supervision is received from the Community Operations Forester who reviews work and results to assure adherence to accepted arboricultural principles and practices, and conformance with adopted regulations and design standards.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Responds to public tree service requests assessing the condition of public trees and determining needed work related to trimming or removal; forwards recommended work to the Community Operations Forester for scheduling and assignment to a Section crew.

Provides guidance in the development of street tree plans for new developments; determines the amount of surety needed for street trees based on the approved street tree plan.

Inspects street trees planted in new developments and recommends release of street tree sureties.

Coordinates entering new public street trees into electronic asset management system.

Assures compliance with subdivision standards and guidelines, design standards, and municipal specifications.

Oversees use of electronic asset management and workflow system to manage public tree inventory and to organize work of the section.

Assists Community Operations Forester and Community Outreach Forester in coordinating response to storm damage and emergency trimming.

Reviews potentially hazardous trees on private property in coordination with the City Law Department.

Performs related work as required.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Knowledge of urban forestry principles and practices, including methods, techniques, equipment, tools, and materials used in planting, inspecting, trimming, removing, and treating trees.

Knowledge of assessment and prioritization of arboricultural practices addressing proper tree maintenance practices for public safety and long-term tree health.

Knowledge of tree species common to Lincoln's geographic region.

Knowledge of subdivision regulations and design standards related to installation and establishments of street trees in new developments.

Knowledge of spreadsheet, word processing, and e-mail software.

Ability to utilize an electronic asset management system in managing the inventory of public trees.

Ability to interpret engineering drawings related to new subdivisions.

Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.

Ability to prepare clear and concise reports and to maintain accurate records.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other government agencies, other City departments, co-workers, and the general public.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from high school and six years of progressively responsible experience in arboricultural practices; or any equivalent combination of training and experience that provides the desirable knowledge, abilities, and skills.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a valid State of Nebraska driver's license when operating a vehicle is necessary to the satisfactory performance of assigned duties.

Possession and maintenance of a valid City of Lincoln First Class Arborist license within six months of appointment.

Possession and maintenance of certification as an Arborist by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA).

Possession and maintenance of ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) within six months of employment.