

CHIEF PLUMBING INSPECTOR

NATURE OF WORK

This is responsible supervisory and highly skilled technical inspections work in the enforcement of municipal and county codes, regulations and ordinances governing plumbing, sewer, water, water conditioning systems, lawn irrigation systems, natural and propane gas systems and installations.

Work involves responsibility for planning, organizing and supervising an inspections program involving the enforcement of codes and regulations governing the construction, maintenance and installation of plumbing, sewer, water, water conditioning systems, lawn irrigation systems, natural and propane gas systems and installations. Work involves supervising and participating in the activities of field inspectors assigned to the unit, however, an employee of this class is primarily concerned with training, supervising and coordinating the work of a staff of subordinate inspectors. Work is performed independently, but is reviewed by an administrative or a technical superior for program effectiveness and conformance with established policies through revision and review of records, reports and regulations.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Plans, schedules, supervises and reviews the work of field inspectors engaged in enforcing compliance with codes and ordinances governing plumbing, sewer, water, water conditioning systems, lawn irrigation systems, natural and propane gas systems and installations; provides technical assistance to subordinate Inspectors as needed in difficult and unusual cases; supervises and makes special inspections; investigates and gathers evidence of violations; makes periodic inspections to see that work is being carried out properly by subordinate Inspectors; inspects plumbing work reported to be dangerous or unsanitary and directs the gathering of evidence of such dangerous or unsanitary plumbing; represents the City at court hearings.

Supervises the issuance of plumbing permits; assigns daily work orders for subordinate inspectors; prepares an annual sectional budget request to administrative superior for review and use in divisional budget planning; submits an annual report to administrative superior detailing the operations under his/her jurisdiction.

Confers with contractors, engineers, architects, property owners and other interested parties; explains and interprets plumbing codes and standards.

Serves as permanent Secretary of the Board of Plumbing Examiners, Board of Gas Fitters Examiners and the Board of Appeals; keeps records of all meetings and registrations issued; holds examinations for the various registration classifications.

Keeps informed of new technical developments and trade practices and recommends, to an administrative superior, amendments to existing standards and codes to reflect such changes.

Examines plans and specifications of plumbing, sewer, water, lawn irrigation systems, natural and propane gas systems and water conditioning systems and installations to determine their compliance with appropriate codes and ordinances.

Appears before appropriate boards and committees, concerned with plumbing codes and standards, upon request and authorization of the administrative superior.

Performs related work as required.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Thorough knowledge of the materials, methods and practices involved in the construction, installation, repair and maintenance of a variety of plumbing, sewer, water, lawn irrigation systems, natural and propane gas systems and water conditioning systems, installations, equipment and appliances.

Thorough knowledge of the codes, regulations and ordinances governing building construction in the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Considerable knowledge of legal procedures related to the enforcement of municipal codes and ordinances.

Ability to plan, organize and direct the work of subordinate inspectors engaged in enforcing plumbing codes and ordinances.

Ability to detect and locate defective plumbing and to ascertain the stage of construction or installation when defects are most easily found and remedied.

Ability to read and interpret plumbing plans and specifications and to recognize deviations from such plans in the construction or installation process.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with subordinates, contractors, architects, engineers, property owners, municipal officials and the general public.

Ability to present ideas effectively both orally and in writing, and to speak before audiences.

Ability to explain, interpret and enforce plumbing codes and regulations with firmness, tact and impartiality.

Ability to schedule, record and perform daily operations on a computer system.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from high school or equivalent and four years of experience in the plumbing trade at the journey, supervisory or contractor level; or any equivalent combination of training and experience that provides the desirable knowledge, abilities and skills.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Must be registered as a Master Plumber with the City of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Possession of a valid, nationally-recognized Plumbing Inspectors Certification prior to completion of the probationary period.

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