

City of Ironwood - Job Description

Department of Public Works Equipment Operator II – Floater

General Summary:

Performs a variety of skilled, technical, and maintenance work in the construction, operation, repair, maintenance, and replacement of City public works infrastructure, including public parks, roads, streets, cemetery, water, sewer, and other municipal facilities. Operates heavy and special automotive and power-driven equipment with a high degree of skill, and performs all assigned work as required.

Supervision Received:

Employee is supervised by the Department of Public Works Supervisor, Leadperson, and/or City Manager, who is consulted on work situations.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

An employee in this position may be called upon to do any or all of the following (does not include all tasks employee may be expected to perform):

1. **Public Works Construction and Maintenance:**
 - Operate heavy equipment in the performance of public works construction, maintenance, and repair activities on streets, sidewalks, water and sewage lines, drainage basins, cemetery, parks, equipment repair and other municipal facilities.
 - Perform grading, digging, backfilling, loading, and hauling operations with power-driven equipment.
 - Operate trucks and related equipment to pick up and haul refuse.
2. **Public Parks and Recreation Facility Maintenance:**
 - Maintain public parks and recreation facilities, including mowing and watering grass, raking leaves, trimming shrubbery, and performing routine grounds maintenance.
 - Collect and dispose of refuse, repair, replace, and paint park equipment and facilities.
 - Clean and maintain lavatories and drinking fountains.
 - Operate equipment and tools necessary for the maintenance of parks and recreation facilities.
3. **Snow Removal and Other Seasonal Duties:**
 - Operate heavy equipment such as snow plows, snow blowers, and trucks for snow removal operations.
4. **Additional Manual Labor and Utility Tasks:**
 - Perform a variety of manual labor tasks as needed, including assisting other departments within the DPW on an as-needed basis.

- May be called upon to oversee the work of other employees.
 - Ensure the proper maintenance of tools and equipment by performing cleaning, inspections, and repairs after use.
- 5. General Responsibilities:**
- Record and report maintenance, construction, and repair activities accurately.
 - Follow safety protocols and maintain a safe working environment.
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Desired Minimum Qualifications:

Education and Experience:

- Graduation from high school or GED equivalent.
- At least 2 years of recent experience in the operation of heavy equipment related to public works construction, maintenance, or similar activities.

Necessary Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Knowledge of the operations and maintenance requirements of various types of heavy, special automotive and power-driven equipment.
 - Knowledge of the procedures and practices used in the operation of heavy equipment for public works construction and maintenance.
 - Ability to operate all types of heavy equipment skillfully and safely, in accordance with standard practices.
 - Ability to understand and follow both oral and written instructions.
 - Ability to perform heavy manual labor for extended periods and in varying weather conditions.
 - Mechanical aptitude for operating and maintaining equipment.
 - Ability to work effectively with other employees and the public.
 - Ability to keep records, write reports, and communicate clearly.
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Special Requirements:

- Valid State Driver's License.
- Interstate B CDL endorsement is required.

Other Requirements:

- Residency within 30 miles of the corporate boundaries of the City of Ironwood is required.
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Tools and Equipment Used:

Knowledge of the operation and use of motorized vehicles and equipment including dump trucks, bulldozers, front-end loaders, backhoes, snowplows, street sweepers, snow blowers, manlifts, and various hand and power tools. Skill in using mobile radios, phones, laptops, and other communication equipment.

Physical Demands:

- Must frequently lift and/or move up to 25 pounds and occasionally lift or move up to 100 pounds.
 - Regularly required to use hands for manipulating tools and controls, as well as to walk, stand, sit, kneel, crouch, and climb.
 - Vision abilities include close vision, distance vision, and the ability to adjust focus. Must be physically able to access different work environments and perform duties in various weather conditions, including snow.
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Work Environment:

- Frequently exposed to outdoor weather conditions and various mechanical environments.
 - Occasionally exposed to hazardous chemicals, fumes, airborne particles, and risk of electrical shock.
 - The noise level can be loud in field settings.
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This job description focuses on the **Equipment Operator II – Floater Position**, covering a range of duties including parks and recreation maintenance, road and street work, cemetery maintenance, water and sewer systems, snow removal, and other public works tasks.