



CITY OF HAWTHORNE
SEWER SERVICE TECHNICIAN
Classification Specification
(Classified)

JOB SUMMARY

Under general supervision, operates power-driven equipment used in installing, repairing and maintaining sewers, storm drains, and related structures; operates light/heavy equipment and sewer cleaning equipment; and does other related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

The Sewer Service Technician works under the supervision of the Public Works Manager and/or Street & Facility Maintenance Supervisor.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This position is distinguished from the Skilled Maintenance Worker in that the Sewer Service Technician is responsible for the assigned sewer maintenance duties and equipment.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following is a list of typical duties assigned to the Sewer Service Technician. The duties included on this list are examples and are not intended to be all-inclusive or restrictive.

- Installs, maintains and repairs sewer lines, pipes, pipe connections and saddle connections.
- Digs holes and trenches manually and with power equipment.
- Reinforces and shores trenches.
- Mixes and pours concrete, spreads and tamps temporary asphalt patches.
- Maintains the municipal wastewater system by cleaning sewer lines and sewer drains of grease, roots and other debris.
- Maintains inspection and activity records.
- Checks and cleans equipment and tools.
- Drives trucks of various sizes and weights while loading, hauling, and unloading various equipment, gravel, and sand.
- Performs required labor involved in construction and maintenance projects including pavement cutting, ditch digging, manhole and line cleaning, main and pipe repair, laying and back-fitting.
- Services sewer lift and other pumps.
- Cleans and maintains storm drains according to the City's maintenance schedule.
- Operates specialized equipment to check sewer mains and storm drains.
- Uses specialized sewer safety equipment including gas detectors and harnesses.
- Answers routine questions from the general public at job sites, explaining reasons for clogged drains; refers public complaints to supervision for resolution.
- Responds to various sewer maintenance emergencies and is subject to call-out during non-working hours.
- Performs other duties, as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education, Training and Experience:

Graduation from high school or GED; and

Two (2) years of maintenance experience related to sewers and storm drains; and

Licenses, Certificates and/or Special Requirements:

Must possess a valid California Class B driver's license

Within one (1) year of appointment, must be able to obtain California Water Environmental Certification, Work Zone Safety Certification, and Confined Space Entry Certification.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Knowledge of methods, equipment and tools used in cleaning and repairing sewer lines and storm drains.
- Knowledge of work safety procedures and practices in sewer maintenance and repair.
- Knowledge of basic traffic control methods.
- Ability to safely and effectively operate motorized vehicles/equipment.
- Ability to perform heavy manual tasks for extended periods of time.
- Ability to follow work safety procedures and practices.
- Ability to operate trucks, power equipment and tools used in the maintenance and repair of sewer lines.
- Ability to lift manhole covers; enter, descend, ascend and exit manholes.
- Ability to receive training and work in confined spaces.
- Ability to read and understand simple blueprints.
- Ability to complete basic work activity records and time reports.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with fellow employees, City staff, and the general public.
- Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential duties.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is required to sit, stand, stoop or bend for up to two hours, talk, hear, walk; reach with hands and arms, use hands to finger, handle, operate objects, tools or controls. The employee must frequently lift and or move up to 25 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move up to 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close, distance, color, and peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

WORKING CONDITIONS

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this classification. Depending on the assignment, the Sewer Service Technician works regularly in outside weather conditions; frequently works with moving mechanical parts; and is exposed to wet and/or humid conditions and vibration. The Sewer Service Technician occasionally works in both high, precarious places and confined spaces and is occasionally exposed to fumes or airborne particles, and toxic or caustic chemicals. Must submit to random drug testing in accordance with the City's drug and alcohol policy as an employee who falls under the authority of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt
Bargaining Unit: HMEA
Civil Service Status: Classified

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