

JOB TITLE: Groundman

DEPARTMENT: Electric

JOB SUMMARY: This is an entry-level position responsible for assisting with department operations from the ground.

PAY RANGE: \$14-18/hour

MAJOR DUTIES:

- Assists crews during emergency power outages caused by storms or accidents.
- Cleans and maintains equipment using appropriate materials.
- Receives inquiries, complaints and requests from the public and other departments, and schedules necessary tree work.
- Conducts visual inspections of trees along right of way, parks, alleys, and other public properties. to determine corrective action necessary to alleviate any problems.
- Investigates work requests and recommends solutions for the type of work to be performed.
- Assists in removal of hazardous trees using chain saws, ropes, and aerial bucket truck.
- Operates power machinery such as chainsaw, hydraulic pruner, hedge trimmer, stump grinder, or similarly sized equipment.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED BY THE POSITION:

- Basic knowledge of electrical distribution system operations.
- Basic knowledge of forestry methods and vegetation management.
- Knowledge of hazards and safety precautions of tree trimming and removal.
- Skill in tree removal and cutting techniques.
- Skill in operating power tools, mechanical tools, and small equipment.
- Ability to understand and follow verbal and written instruction.
- Ability to establish effective working relationships with supervisors and other city employees.

SUPERVISORY CONTROLS: The Superintendent or Foreman assigns work. Work is spot-checked in progress and upon completion for compliance with instructions and procedures, accuracy, and the nature and propriety of the results.

GUIDELINES: Guidelines include federal, state, and local electrical codes and safety regulations. These guidelines are generally clear and specific but may require some interpretation in application.

COMPLEXITY: Work consists of related duties in operating a bucket truck, trencher, and backhoe.

SCOPE AND EFFECT: The purpose of this position is to provide ground support in the construction, installation, maintenance and repair of electrical lines and equipment. Successful performance helps ensure the safe, efficient, and effective provision of electrical services.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: The work is typically performed while standing, walking, bending, crouching, and stooping. The employee lifts heavy objects, climbs ladders, uses tools and equipment requiring a high degree of dexterity, and must be able to distinguish between shades of color.

WORK ENVIRONMENT: The work is performed outdoors, where the employee is exposed to machinery with moving parts, high voltage, and occasional inclement weather. This work requires the use of protective devices such as gloves.

SUPERVISORY AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY: None.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Experience operating power equipment such as backhoe, chainsaw, pole trimmer, mower.
- Valid driver's license issued by the State of Georgia. CDL preferred but not required.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

- Retirement plan w/ matching 401(a) and 457(b)
- Employer provided health insurance.
- Paid leave time
- 10 paid holidays

TO APPLY:

Submit an online application at www.wga.gov. Position will remain posted until filled. Contact William Canup, Electric Department Director, at 706-361-4968 for more information.