

City of Merced

Bargaining Unit: 02
FLSA: Covered
Position Number: 06690

REFUSE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, to safely operate motorized refuse collection equipment in providing effective, efficient collection of solid waste; to drive an assigned service route maintaining quality service standards, and to do related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is the fully experienced working level in the Refuse Collection Operator class series. Incumbents are expected to perform operate refuse collection equipment and provide quality services with minimal guidance and supervision. The class is distinguished from Refuse Equipment Operator Trainee, in that many Refuse Equipment Operator Trainee assignments are performed in a learning capacity and with substantial guidance and supervision.

REPORTS TO

Public Works Supervisor – Solid Waste, Public Works Manager - Solid Waste

CLASSIFICATIONS SUPERVISED

This is not a supervisory classification.

EXAMPLES OF IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES *(The following is used as a partial description and is not restrictive as to duties required.)*

Operates refuse collection equipment in the collection of commercial, industrial, and residential solid waste; operates and uses front-end, rear-end, automated side loaders, and roll-off type trucks, as appropriate; maneuvers refuse collection equipment on City streets, using safe and skillful driving techniques; follows pre-determined collection routes and schedules, as assigned; notes and maintains records of container conditions, container enclosure conditions, and access problems; performs daily pre-trip safety inspections of equipment, recording findings and determining the operational fitness of equipment; transports solid waste for disposal at a landfill site; operate collection vehicles safely in off-road conditions at a landfill or construction site; operates hydraulic picking and dumping controls on equipment; operates a two-way radio, maintaining communications with the Public Works Corporation Yard; may perform heavy physical labor in the loading and unloading of containers; may operate special equipment to load large bulky refuse; may deliver or remove refuse containers for customers; may perform minor maintenance to refuse containers, such as replacing lids and/or wheels; performs basic maintenance and washing of refuse collection equipment; maintains good public relations with customers; responds to emergency and after hour calls.

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TYPICAL PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Occasionally sits; frequently stand, walk, stoop, kneel, and crouch; normal manual dexterity and eye-hand coordination; ability to lift and move objects weighing up to 50 lbs.; exert unusual physical effort in the loading and unloading of containers; corrected hearing and vision to normal range; verbal communication; operate motorized refuse collection equipment; use a variety of hand and power equipment, operate a two-way radio; use a telephone.

TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS

Work is performed both in a corporation yard and outdoors in varying temperatures and weather conditions; exposure to hazardous materials, smoke, gasses, and fumes; exposure to hazards such as moving machine parts and electrical current; continuous contact with other staff and regular contact with the public.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Principles, methods, and practices pertaining to the functions and operations of refuse collection services.

Practices, tools, equipment, and materials used in refuse collection and services.

Laws, rules, and regulations applicable to operation of motorized refuse collection equipment on public streets and roadways.

Basic principles and methods of equipment inspection and preventive maintenance.

Safe work practices and procedures.

Ability to:

Safely operate motorized refuse collection equipment in accordance with applicable Vehicle Code requirements.

Maintain proper quality and quantity of services.

Skillfully use and operate a variety of equipment utilized in refuse collection and services.

Follow oral and written directions.

Read and comprehend simple instructions, short correspondence, and memos.

Write simple correspondence.

Present information in one-on-one situations to customers and other City employees.

Add and subtract two digit numbers and to multiply and divide with 10's and 100's.

Apply common sense understanding to carry out simple one or two step instructions.

Deal with standardized situations with occasional or frequent variables.

Maintain accurate daily records and reports.

Deal tactfully and courteously with the public.

Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships.

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DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS (continued)

Training and Experience:

Any combination of training and experience which would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required knowledge and abilities would be:

One year of experience in providing refuse collection services and operating equipment at a level equivalent to Refuse Collection Operator Trainee with the City of Merced.

Special Requirements:

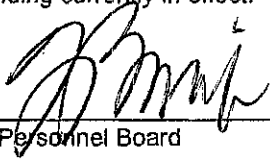
Possession of Class A California Driver's License.

Reference: City of Merced Personnel Rules and Regulations, Sections 5.05 and 5.07.

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Chairperson, Personnel Board



DATE