

PROVO CITY CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION	
Title: Line Clearance Arborist	Job Code: 2814
Date: August 8, 2017	EEO Code: SM
FLSA Designation: Non-exempt	Civil Service Status: Covered (Unclassified)

DEFINITION: This is skilled power line tree clearance work in support of Provo City's utility and street tree maintenance programs.

CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS: Positions assigned to this classification are responsible to a designated crew supervisor and perform all tasks under very general supervision. The work of this classification is distinguished from lower-level line clearance arborist positions by its responsibility to perform full journey-level power line tree clearance duties.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES: Perform varied physical work as a journey-level line clearance arborist; climb trees using safety devices and harnesses; trim trees and shrubs from high voltage power lines to eliminate safety hazards and to ensure power reliability; remove tree limbs and other items that obstruct wires; operate aerial lift; perform rigging maneuvers with ropes, blocks, slings, and other tools and equipment; guide the fall of trees; clean and remove trees; provide maintenance care including planting, watering, spraying, sweeping, fertilizing, pruning, and anchoring trees; cable, brace, tie, bolt, stake, and guy trees and branches to provide support; assist in supervising seasonal or part-time workers; may serve as acting Line Clearance Crew Supervisor to ensure work is done safely and timely.

Safely operate various power tools, equipment, and vehicles including chain and pole saws, safety cones, hydraulic and pole pruners, compressors, pickups, dump trucks, aerial lift trucks, tree spades, skip loaders, chippers, and stumpers; safely use hand tools; clean and maintain tools and equipment; load job order equipment onto trucks; perform the work of an Apprentice Line Clearance Arborist including picking up and carrying tree limbs, logs, cuttings, debris, and litter; operate chipper and stumper; empty various containers into trucks and receptacles; pack and dump refuse and debris; dig holes, and other excavations; set out flags and cones for work site safety.

May perform or assist in performing routine building or grounds maintenance work including, sprinkler system installation, landscape and gardening duties, clean-up, and maintenance tasks; assist other crew and staff members as needed; and perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Equivalent to a high school diploma; and two (2) years of experience as a power line clearance tree trimmer; **OR** an equivalent combination of job-related education and experience [substituting each one (1) year of education/training for six (6) months of experience].


License(s)/Certification(s): A valid, lawful Commercial Driver's License. Flagger Training Certification and completion of a Tree Trimmer (Line Clear) program with the Department of Labor's ApprenticeshipUSA or an equivalent training program are required. A Utah Non-Commercial Pesticide Applicator's License is preferred.

SELECTION FACTORS: *Knowledge of:* the proper use and care of hand tools and equipment; modern arboriculture practices and skills, including natural target pruning, plant health care, pest management, urban soils, hazard awareness, and knot tying; safety and first aid procedures; various types of tree pruning, climbing, and removal techniques; related laws, codes, rules, and regulations governing the functions of tree trimming; the operations, functions, and terminology common to arboriculture work; policies and procedures established for the work system; basic English composition, spelling, and grammar. *Skill in:* using various hand and power tools safely; required by the position; working around high voltage wires in a safe manner; identifying tree types common to the local area; and practicing trust-building behaviors. *Ability to:* use hand and power tools required by the position; identify tree types common to the local area; follow specific and general instructions; perform work with speed and accuracy; deal with the public in a pleasant, courteous, and calm manner at all times; develop and maintain effective working relationships with the public, coworkers, and superiors; oversee the work of others in a lead capacity; communicate effectively both verbally and in writing; perform duties in a manner that demonstrates respect, integrity, courtesy, and kindness to others and a high level of commitment to the principles of positive customer service; exercise independent judgement while evaluating situations and in making determinations; organize assigned work and develop effective work methods; identify potential hazards.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT USED: Various power tools, equipment, and vehicles including chain and pole saws, compressors, safety cones, hydraulic and pole pruners, compressors, pickups, dump trucks, aerial lift trucks, tree spades, skip loaders, chippers, and stumpers.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: Physical strength and agility to perform the work including, handling chain saws and tree pruners while climbing trees, regular work with hands, crawling, bending, reaching, pulling and/or pushing, carrying, heavy lifting, loading, digging trenches, holes, and other excavations.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS: Exposure to adverse weather conditions, high noise levels, heavy traffic, noxious chemicals, heights of up to 100 feet, high voltage lines, and other hazardous conditions. May also include exposure to high-stress situations or environments, including contact with the public in confrontational or uncomfortable circumstances, and other stressful conditions related to the workplace. *Note: This classification may require on-call status.*



 Department Director



 Date



 Mayor/Chief Administrative Officer



 Date

NOTE: The above statements describe the general nature and level of work being performed by the person(s) assigned to this classification. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all duties, responsibilities, and skills required of personnel so classified. Class specifications are not intended to and do not imply or create any employment, compensation, or contract rights to any person or persons. Management reserves the right to add, change, or delete any and all provisions of this classification at any time as needed without notice. Reasonable accommodations may be made for otherwise qualified individuals who require and request such accommodation. This class specification supersedes earlier versions.