

## CITY OF CARSON

**Title:** SENIOR TREE TRIMMER

**Job Summary:**

Under general supervision, to supervise and participate in the maintenance of trees; to apply policies and procedures of the section.

**Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**

(These functions are representative and may not be present in all positions in the class. Management reserves the right to add, modify, change or rescind related duties and work assignments.)

1. Supervises and personally participates in tree maintenance including but not limited to, trimming, planting, fertilizing, and removing trees.
2. Operates motorized equipment such as trucks, tractors, chippers and other power equipment of comparable size and complexity.
3. Assists in training subordinates.
4. Observes and enforces safety regulations.
5. Works from plans and specifications.
6. Keeps records and prepares reports of work.
7. Deals with the public.
8. Follows standard trade practices as established by International Society of Arboriculture (I.S.A.).
9. Performs related duties as required.

**Qualification Guidelines:**

A typical way to obtain the requisite qualifications to perform the duties of this class is as follows:

**Education and Experience:**

Completion of formal education sufficient to assure the ability to read and write at the level required for successful job performance. Four (4) years of full-time paid experience performing tree maintenance work, including two years experience at the Tree Trimmer II level.

**Knowledge of:**

- Operation and care of a variety of tree maintenance equipment.
- Provisions of the California Vehicle Code applying to the operation of vehicles on the highway.
- Characteristics of common Southern California shade and ornamental trees.
- Materials, equipment, and methods used in the care, trimming, climbing, planting, removal and surgery of trees.
- Safety and safe work practices.

**Skill and Ability to:**

- . Apply the principles and techniques of supervision and training.
- . Apply policies and procedures of the section.
- . Perform basic record keeping practices.
- . Provide on-the-job supervision.
- . Make oral and written reports on work activity.
- . Operate tree trimming equipment with skill and safety.
- . Make minor repairs.
- . Identify common ornamental and shade trees common to Southern California.
- . Work from aerial equipment or by climbing at considerable height.
- . Use tools and equipment with skill and safety.
- . Interpret landscape specifications.
- . Understand and carry out oral and written directions.
- . Establish and maintain effective working relationships with others.

**License and Certificate:**

Possession of an appropriate valid California driver's license and must be insurable by the City's insurance carrier.

**Physical Requirements and Working Conditions:**

Employee accommodations for physical or mental disabilities will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Positions in this class normally:

- . Require the mobility to stand, stoop, reach and bend.
- . Require the ability to stand for long periods.
- . Require the ability to walk long distances.
- . Perform work which involves the frequent lifting, pushing and/or pulling of objects which may approximate 75 pounds and may occasionally weigh up to 100 pounds.
- . May be required to work in inclement weather without effective protection from sun, cold and rain.
- . May be required to work with harsh and toxic substances.
- . May be required to wear protective apparel including goggles, face protectors, aprons, shoes and oxygen breathing apparatus.
- . May be required to work within enclosed spaces or at heights above ground level.
- . May be required to work around loud noise.
- . May be required to work around moving mechanical parts.
- . May be required to work around electrical current.