

## **EQUIPMENT OPERATOR 3**

### **NATURE OF WORK**

This is skilled work in the operation of heavy, complex, construction equipment. Employees of this class may be required to operate more than one piece of heavy equipment depending upon the needs of the assigned job. Employees may work along city streets or in hazardous situations which require the exercise of skill and care in handling the equipment and careful attention to safety and traffic regulations. When not operating equipment, an employee of this class participates in and/or leads the work crew activity in the absence of a supervisor.

A wide variety of heavy mobile equipment is operated. Primary equipment operated include backhoes, gradalls, and graders, but other equipment may be operated on occasion. Operation of this equipment requires the manipulation of controls ordinarily greater in complexity than those operated at the Equipment Operator 2 level. Work is performed under general supervision on routine tasks or repetitive assignments and under close supervision on special or unusual assignments. Supervision is received from the Utility Maintenance Superintendent or the Street Maintenance Superintendent or other designated supervisor. Depending upon area of assignment, incumbents are subject to on call status.

**ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK** {The employee in this classification must be able to perform the following. Physical and mental tasks related to these functions will be required. Additional related duties not listed may be required and some incumbents may be assigned less than all of the functions listed. The following examples do not contain every task that could be reasonably assigned. The absence of a specified task here does not imply the task cannot be assigned if related to the nature of work, a logical assignment, or a business necessity.}

Operates a backhoe, motor grader, or gradall. May occasionally operate other mobile equipment.

Performs general maintenance duties and participated in work assigned crews of maintenance workers when necessary.

Operates motor grader, shaping roads in parks and shoulders, along open ditch roadways and in alleys.

Operates grade-all to clean or dig drainage ditches, set slopes and grades; install subsurface drainage.

Operates backhoe in the repair or construction of water and sewer lines; operates high pressure sewer machine; jagger machine to cut roads and sidewalks, boring machine to drill holes.

Services, cleans, and makes minor repairs to assigned equipment.

Performs skilled and semi-skilled maintenance tasks related to the area of assignment.

Reports to work on a timely basis, maintains a good attendance record, and performs related work as required.

### **NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS**

Considerable knowledge of the operation and maintenance characteristics of the assigned equipment.

Considerable knowledge of the principles and practices of safe operation of assigned equipment.

Considerable knowledge of the occupational hazards of the work and of necessary safety precautions.

Knowledge of the traffic laws, ordinances, and regulations applicable to the operation of assigned equipment.

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Ability to identify operational deficiencies and defects, to determine necessary corrective measures, and to make minor repairs and service to assigned equipment.

Skill in the operation of assigned equipment. Good vision and coordination is required.

### **TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS**

Completion of the eighth grade and one year of heavy equipment operation and maintenance experience; or substituting successful completion of a training program at the Equipment Operator 3 level.

### **NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT**

Possession of a valid commercial driver's license as required by the Department of Public Safety, State of Louisiana.