

Arborist I The City of Champaign is accepting applications for an **Arborist** in the Public Works Department. The employee will perform skilled work which will primarily include the day-to-day maintenance and care of City-owned trees and shrubs. The position will include the following: operating equipment specific to the arboricultural field (i.e. Aerial Lift trucks, brush chippers, chainsaws, stump grinder, dump truck, end loaders, and climbing equipment such as a rope and saddle). This position will also include snow and ice removal, minor mechanical maintenance, general labor tasks, inventory, and all other duties as assigned.

General assignments are received from the Forestry Supervisor, but employees in this position are expected to exercise some judgment in selecting work methods and in planning details. Work is performed under the supervision of a superior who inspects work in progress and, upon completion, for conformance with specifications.

The employee may have direct contact with residents and property owners and is expected to deliver excellent customer service. The selected candidate must demonstrate the City's organizational values of integrity, responsibility, respect, teamwork, and results in carrying out job duties. Responsibilities will also include participating in the City's snow & ice removal efforts, and responding to other emergencies and call-outs that may require working 12-hour shifts at all hours with little to no advance notice.

The position requires basic experience in the arboricultural field. Basic experience with computers, GIS, and hand-held devices is also required. Experience reading and interpreting electronic maps, blueprints, and schematics is highly desired. Completion of an Associate's Degree in Forestry, Horticulture, or a closely related field is required. However, a Bachelor's Degree in Forestry, Horticulture, or a closely related field is preferred. Any equivalent combination of experience and training that provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities is also acceptable. ISA Certified Arborist designation is required within 12 months of hiring.

Additionally, candidates must possess a valid driver's license issued by the State of Illinois, have a good driving record, and be able to obtain a Class B CDL with tanker endorsement and without air brake restriction within 30 days of beginning work. The selected candidate will be subject to random drug urinalysis.

The beginning hourly rate of pay is \$24.31 with generous benefits. Applications must be received online no later than September 19, 2015.

The City's mission is to provide responsive, caring, cost-effective service in partnership with our community. The following values guide our work: Personal Integrity, Responsibility, Respect, Teamwork, Results.

To apply, visit the City's Online Hiring Center at www.ci.champaign.il.us.



The City of Champaign is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Women, minorities and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. The following locations offer free Internet access and assistance: Champaign Public Library, the Illinois WorkNet Center and the City of Champaign City Building.