CITY OF OMAHA
CLASS SPECIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION TITLE: PARK CARETAKER I

BARGAINING UNIT: CIV BARGAINING  CODE NUMBER: 6980
PAY RANGE CODE: 1115  REVISION DATE: 4/27/17

NATURE OF WORK:
This is work involving the care, custody, and cleaning of an assigned city park and recreation facility which has a small volume of activities. Employees in this classification are required to live in the park if living quarters are provided and are on call twenty-four hours each working day. Work is performed with relative independence, however, work is subject to review by a superior. Employees are responsible for public relations on a continuous basis. The following is a list of parks cared for by the incumbents in this class: Elmwood, Levi Carter, N.P. Dodge, Seymour Smith, Hummel, Glen Cunningham, Standing Bear, Zorinsky Lakes, Benson, Fontenelle, and Miller.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS: (Any one position may not perform all the duties listed, nor do the listed examples include all the duties that may be performed in positions allocated to this class.)

Monitors activities of park patrons and enforces park regulations; confronts problem behaviors or calls for assistance; inspects park facilities for vandalism and completes necessary reports.

Makes reservations for use of park facilities; collects, records, and deposits park user fees.

Removes tree limbs, brush, litter, and other debris at park facilities; cleans restrooms; mows grass and removes snow on park property.

Performs basic and routine maintenance on motorized equipment and playground and picnic equipment; reports major maintenance problems to supervisor.

Diagnoses problems and applies pesticides and fertilizer to promote turf health.

Applies pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers to turf.

Performs snow removal duties as assigned.

Maintains regular job attendance in accordance with a schedule established for the position by the supervisor.
Performs other related duties as assigned or as the situation dictates within the scope of this classification.

**REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:**

Knowledge of park policies and regulations relating to the use of park facilities by the public.

Knowledge of the principles and practices of the care and maintenance of buildings and grounds.

Knowledge of the use of fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, and other disease management techniques used in turf management.

Skill in the operation of the assigned tools and equipment.

Ability to communicate with park patrons to enforce park regulations and resolve issues.

Ability to view park surroundings to monitor park activities and to inspect park property for vandalism.

Ability to recognize and treat diseases and insect and abiotic problems of turf.

Ability to maintain records and complete reports.

Ability to operate and maintain equipment, machinery, and tools in the performance of assigned duties.

Ability to understand oral or written instructions.

Ability to read and write the English language.

Ability to adhere to safety policies, procedures, and guidelines.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with fellow employees and members of the general public.

Ability to balance, bend, stand, walk, and push from 76 to 100% of the time; reach and stoop, from 51 to 75% of the time; squat and kneel from 26 to 50% of the time; and climb, crouch, crawl and pull up to 25% of the time.

Ability to move and transport objects weighing up to fifty (50) pounds up to 33% of the time; objects up to twenty (20) pounds 34 to 66% of the time; and objects up to ten (10) pounds 67 to 100% of the time.

**EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:** *(The knowledge, skills, and abilities above may be acquired through, but are not limited to, the following combination of education and/or experience.)*

Two (2) years of experience in the minor maintenance of park equipment, machinery and tools in performing manual labor relating to park work.
SPECIAL QUALIFICATION

Must possess a valid Class “B” Commercial Driver’s License with “N” endorsement and air brake certification or a CDL learner’s permit for such a license by the end of the probationary period.

Must possess a current category 04 Certified Federal and State of Nebraska Pesticide Applicator’s Certificate by the end of the probationary period.

Must possess a 3rd grade hoisting and portable engineer’s certificate and a forklift operator’s permit by the end of the probationary period.

WORKING CONDITIONS: (The conditions herein are representative of those that must be met by the employee to successfully perform the essential functions of the job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential job functions.)

Employees in this class are required to live in the park if living quarters are provided. Work is performed primarily outdoors in varying weather conditions with temperatures ranging from below zero (0) degrees to above one hundred (100) degrees. Work involves exposure to pollen, weeds and other airborne allergens. Work is performed near or with vibrating machinery and moving mechanical parts. Noise levels may require shouting in order to be heard. Conditions may also necessitate working in and around water and flooded areas.

EQUIPMENT OPERATION: (Any one position may not use all of the tools and equipment listed nor do the listed examples comprise all of the tools and equipment that may be used in positions allocated to this classification.)

| Drill Seeder | Greens Mower | Farm Type Tractor with Attachments |
| Fairway Mower | Pickup Truck | Tee and Collar Mower |
| Small Front End Loader | Rough Mower | Backhoe |
| Fertilizer Applicator | Chemical Sprayer | Weed Eater |
| Top Dressing Machine | Tiller | Frontline Type Mowers |
| Wood Chipper | Hedge Trimmer | Tree Spades |
| Leaf Blower | Post Hole Digger | Aerifier |
| Trencher | Snow Plow | Hand Tools |
| Forklift | Single Axle Dump Truck | Snow Blower |
| Chainsaw | |

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