

**CITY OF SANTA CLARA**  
**CLASS SPECIFICATION**

**TITLE: TREE TRIMMER II (780)**

<b><u>DEPARTMENT</u></b>	<b><u>ACCOUNTABLE TO</u></b>	<b><u>FLSA STATUS</u></b>
<b><u>Public Works</u></b>	<b><u>Public Works Supervisor</u></b>	<b><u>Non-exempt</u></b>

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**TREE TRIMMER II**  
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**EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

Minimum Qualifications:

- Graduation from high school or possession of a GED; and
- Three (3) years of experience in tree trimming, removals ~~and insecticide spraying procedures,~~  
planting and stump grinding.
- Experience as a lead is desirable.

~~Desirable Qualifications:~~

- ~~• Experience as a Lead~~

**LICENSES AND/OR CERTIFICATES**

- ~~• Possession of a valid California Class A or B Commercial driver's license is required at the time of application and for the duration of employment.~~
- ~~• Possession of the following certificates are required within 12 months of appointment and for the duration of employment:~~
  - ~~○ Possession of a valid California Class A or B Commercial driver's license.~~
  - ~~○ A Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) by the California Department of Pesticide Regulations (DPR) in categories B, C or F.~~
  - ~~○ Certification as an Arborist from the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA).~~
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  - ~~○ A certification of completion of Competent Person Fall Protection Training.~~
  - ~~○ A Traffic Flagging and Safety Certificate.~~
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**DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS**

The Tree Trimmer II is responsible for planning, coordinating, and performing the day-to-day activities of tree maintenance. An incumbent in this class is a lead worker and possesses technical expertise and exercises independent judgment and discretion.

**TYPICAL DUTIES**

Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Under supervision:

## TREE TRIMMER II (continued)

- Uses basic/advanced tree climbing techniques such as up and down, aerial rescue, lateral/side-by-side; climbs trees using climbing aids and safety devices in the process of trimming trees
- Performs traffic control in accordance with established procedures and guidelines
- Leads the work of a crew and actively participates in the trimming, ~~topping~~, planting, removal, and ~~spraying-soil inject~~ of the City street trees
- Operates and uses various equipment and tools, including, but not limited to, aerial tree maintenance trucks, dump trucks, brush chippers, tractor-loaders, stump cutters, and chain saws
- Determines placement of ropes and rigging equipment in trees for easiest and safest removal of stumps, limbs, and hazardous trees
- Gathers and disposes of brush, trimmings, and stumps
- Operates a mobile device/computer such as a smart phone or tablet to read, respond to, and input data for an automated work order management system
- Explains tree maintenance techniques and procedures to the public
- Inspects trees to evaluate maintenance needs and make recommendations to the supervisor and/or management
- Conducts inventory for equipment and tools
- Performs minor repairs and maintenance on hand and power equipment
- Prepares written activity and maintenance of reports/logs
- Represents the City in contact with property owners, answering questions pertaining to City services
- May train or assist in the training of personnel as assigned
- Inspects trees for physical evidence of parasitical and fungus infestations and determines type of chemical control necessary; mixes and ~~sprays-applies~~ chemicals and applies as needed for treatment
- Enters maintenance records into an asset management work order application
- May assist Supervisor in reviewing and evaluating outside contacts for City-wide tree trimming
- Performs other related duties as assigned

## **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, & ABILITIES**

Knowledge of:

- Principles and practices of on the job safety
- Arboriculture, horticulture, and tree maintenance
- Aerial rescue and climbing practices and safety procedures
- Safe use of hazardous chemicals, ~~herbicides~~, and fertilizers
- The materials, methods, tools, and equipment used in the trimming, planting, removal, and ~~spraying-injecting~~ of street trees
- Traffic control, including placement of cones and warning signs
- Environmental and safety practices, procedures, and standards
- Record keeping principles and practices
- Pertinent traffic laws, department rules, and procedures related to tree trimming maintenance
- Common names and characteristics of City street trees
- Methods of planning and scheduling time, labor, and materials

## **TREE TRIMMER II (continued)**

Ability to:

- Operate specialized tree maintenance equipment and vehicles
- Assign, lead, and perform the tree maintenance of park facilities and public landscape areas
- Operate, service, repair, adjust, and maintain a variety of equipment and tools including but not limited to chippers, chainsaws, trucks, and trimmers
- Set up safety control equipment in a variety of conditions
- Develop and maintain effective working relationships with supervisors, employees, the general public and others contacted in the course of work
- Effectively handle multiple priorities, organize workload, and meet strict deadlines
- Exercise professionalism and helpfulness when dealing with employees and the public
- Provide work direction, training, and instruction
- Understand and follow oral, [digital](#) and written communication
- Demonstrate initiative and exercise good judgment in the performance of duties
- [Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing](#)
- [Navigate a GIS mapping application](#)
- [Maintain work order records in an asset management application](#)
- Bend, stoop, reach, carry, crawl, climb, walk or stand for extended periods of time and lift a minimum of 50 pounds as necessary to perform assigned duties

### **SUPERVISION RECEIVED**

Works under the direction of the ~~Landscape Foreman~~[Public Works Supervisor](#) or other, as assigned.

### **SUPERVISION EXERCISED**

Supervises one or more Tree Trimmers and other assigned staff.

### **OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

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