

**Title:** Tree Trimmer  
**PG:** 31  
**Status:** Civil Service  
**Position Reports to:** Designated Supervisor  
**Department:** Parks & Recreation

**Class Code:** 8075  
**Date:** 09/08

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF CLASS:**

This is skilled and limited lead work in the pruning, topping, felling, and removal of trees. Work involves limited lead responsibility and personal participation in a variety of the more difficult and hazardous tasks of pruning, topping and removal of trees along the City streets and in the City parks. The work includes the work site planning and maintenance of proper safeguards for subordinates and the public. An employee takes lead responsibilities of a two-man crew in the felling, trimming, and repairing of City trees and in the operation and care of assigned equipment such as trucks, automotive loaders, and wood chippers. Assignments are received verbally or in the form of work orders and carry instructions regarding the work to be performed. The work is inspected during progress and upon completion.

### **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

1. Participates in the topping, felling, pruning, and removal of trees; personally performing the more difficult and hazardous tasks.
2. Climb trees, removes dead, broken, misshapen, and undesired branches and tops of trees using saws, power chainsaws, wedges, mallets, axes, and other tools; may lower portions removed to the ground with ropes.
3. Removes overhanging branches and split or broken limbs from trees, trims and digs out protruding tree roots.
4. Operates an aerial-lift truck and performs trimming and topping operations from the aerial bucket.
5. Participates in the planting, transplanting, spraying, and fertilizing of trees.
6. Sharpens and cares for edged tools, power chainsaws, ropes and safety equipment.
7. Drives a truck, operates a winch and a wood chipper used in the disposal of limbs and branches.
8. Uses axe and power chainsaws for felling trees and cutting up felled trees.
9. Participates in tree trimming adjacent too energized high-voltage power lines.
10. Installs and dismantles City Holiday decoration and capable of planning and implementing small construction projects.

### **ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Properly uses axes, power chainsaws and returns to proper storage all City-owned tools and equipment. Reports broken or missing tools to immediate supervisor.
2. Follow all occupational safety, health, and environmental standards and helps maintain a safe working environment.
3. Performs related work as required.

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

1. In-house training will be provided in order too gain the knowledge, skills and abilities required.
2. Through knowledge of equipment and safety methods in the trimming, topping and felling of trees adjacent to energized power lines on busy streets and highways.
3. Knowledge of rigging methods, maintenance and use of the tools and equipment of the trade.
4. Knowledge of the occupational hazards and safety precautions of the work.
5. Skill in use, care of ropes, knots, and the tools and equipment commonly used in tree trimming and tree surgery operations.
6. Ability to climb and to work in high and hazardous locations.
7. Ability to understand, follow oral and written instructions.

**Title:** Tree Trimmer  
**PG:** 31  
**Status:** Civil Service  
**Position Reports to:** Designated Supervisor  
**Department:** Parks and Recreation

**Class Code:** 8075  
**Date:** 09/08

8. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with supervisor, co-workers, and other City employees and the general public.

**WORKING ENVIRONMENT/CONDITIONS:**

The job risks exposure to dusts and pollen, bright/dim lights, electrical shock, wet and humid conditions, vibration, moving equipment, and toxic/caustic chemicals, heights, traffic, adverse weather condition, extreme hot/cold temperatures, and loud noises.

The job requires normal visual acuity, field of vision, hearing, speaking, color perception, sense of smell, depth perception, and texture perception.

**QUALIFICATIONS (EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE):**

1. High school diploma or its equivalent.
2. One (1) year of experience in tree trimming work and in the use of tree trimming and felling tools and equipment is preferable but not required.
3. One (1) year of experience in tree trimming adjacent too energized power lines, busy streets and highways is preferable but not required.
4. An equivalent combination of education and experience that is determined to be directly related to the foregoing specific requirements may be substituted.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Must posses and maintain a valid state of Florida Class B Commercial Driver's License with appropriate endorsements as required by the employing department.
2. Must work toward obtaining ISA certification within one (1) year of employment by taking appropriate and required classes and testing.
3. May be required to work overtime, or alternate hours, as necessary for the efficient operation of the department. Position may be designated as Mission Critical by Department Director.