Tree Trimmer II
(Internal Title: Field Operations Technician II – Forestry)

To apply for this position, please use the following link:
https://re22.ultipro.com/cit1009/JobBoard/JobDetails.aspx?__ID=*34036ADD67877D0D

Pay Rate Information
This position is represented by the AFSCME union and starting pay is $20.86/hour. This position is eligible for step pay increases and potential progression increases. Please reference AFSCME’s collective bargaining agreement located at: http://www.a2gov.org/departments/Human-Resources/Pages/Compensation-and-Contracts.aspx

Job progressions serve as a way for union employees to demonstrate additional technical competencies, knowledge and skills to enhance their benefit to the City. The progression allows employees to enhance their job responsibilities and pay through demonstration of increased competencies.

Role Summary
To provide care and management of the public trees within Ann Arbor’s urban forest

Essential Duties
- Planting, pruning, treating and removing City trees and shrubs
- Repairing and processing of trees (storm and mechanical damage)
- Safe use of equipment including but not limited to chainsaws and pole pruners, operating; loaders, backhoes,
- Snow removal
- Safe use of equipment including but not limited to vehicle mounted front plows and vehicle mounted underbelly plows.

Related Work
- Investigating public trees to diagnose disease
- Maintaining tree nursery; ensuring healthy growth of public trees; removing tree stumps
- Performing minor equipment maintenance and repair
- Providing input to management on capital and non-capital equipment purchases

Knowledge of
- General methods, materials and equipment in the forestry/arborist industry
- General, methods, and materials used in planting, pruning and removing trees
- General preventative maintenance practices of forestry equipment
- Basic work safety, PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) and OSHA/MIOSHA standards
- General computer hardware and software applications
- Experience in rigging methods for tree removal and trimming

Skills
- Communicating through oral and written instruction
- Safely operating required hand, electronic and mechanical tools and equipment
- Reading, interpreting, and following maps, routes, manuals and blueprints
- Assessing and identifying problems and finding solutions
• Maintaining inventory and maintenance records and files
• Time management and task prioritization

Equipment
• Must be able to operate industry standard equipment

Training and Experience
• High School Diploma or equivalent (G.E.D.)
• 3 years Urban Forestry Experience
• Minimum 2 yrs climbing experience with ability to obtain line clearance certification, within 1 year
• Right-Of-Way Identification Experience
• Chainsaw Safety Knowledge
• Experience interacting/working with Miss Dig
  (Determined by the Field Operations Technician Job Progression Chart)

Licensing Requirements
• Valid CDL B Driver’s License (With Airbrake Endorsement)
  Preferred
• Line Clearance Certification

Physical Requirements
The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential duties of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential duties.

The physical ability to drive, climb, balance, stoop, kneel, crouch, crawl, reach, stand, walk, push, pull, lift, finger, grasp, feel, talk, hear, see and perform repetitive motions. The work requires the ability to operate hand and foot controls on machinery and equipment.

The physical ability to safely operate light to heavy equipment and tools as listed in the FOT – Forestry & Park Operations Job Progression Chart.

The incumbent may be exposed to hazardous physical conditions (i.e., confined spaces, heights, mechanical parts, electrical currents, vibration, etc.), poor atmospheric conditions (i.e., fumes, odors, dusts, gases, poor ventilation), inadequate lighting, and intense noise. In addition, the work will require seasonal exposure to extreme (both hot and cold) weather conditions, including snow and ice.

The physical ability to ascend and descend ladders to access work areas, and enter into and exit from confined spaces. The work may often involve the ability to perform routine heavy lifting and carrying up to 50 lbs. and occasional heavy lifting of up to 100 lbs. The incumbent may be expected to walk on rough, uneven terrain, as well as wet and slippery surfaces. The work requires the ability to distinguish colors and hear audible alarms.

Heavy Work: Exerting in excess of 50 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects.