

## CITY OF ST. LOUIS CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION

### CLASSIFICATION

**TITLE:** Pest Control Worker

**CLASS CODE:** 5699

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:

Incumbents in this classification perform pest control work for the city.

### DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

This is an entry-level service classification in the Public Health Series - Adjunct Group job family within the City of St. Louis. Incumbents in this classification perform routine duties with a limited variety of related tasks. The distinguishing characteristics of this classification within the series include responsibility for carrying out the city's rodent and mosquito control programs.

Incumbents work under general supervision. While workers require some supervision in most assignments, they are free to develop their own work sequences within established procedures, methods and policies. They are generally subject to periodic supervisory checks.

### EXAMPLES OF WORK (Illustrative Only):

*(The list of duties is intended to be representative of the duties performed in positions within this classification. It does not include all the duties that may be assigned to a position and is not necessarily descriptive of any one position in this class.)*

Inspects parks, wooded areas and other known mosquito breeding sites for larvae; collects and traps specimens; applies insecticides to reduce both larval and adult mosquitos.

Operates equipment and vehicles, trucks, hydraulic and low-volume sprayers; performs field repairs as needed.

Prepares chemical compounds used in insecticide applications and spraying

Conducts interior and exterior rat inspections; prepares and places baits, traps, and poisons.

Inspects city blocks following reports of rat infestation; enforces sanitation ordinances.

Assesses effectiveness of chemicals and poisons.

Educates citizens on city ordinances and sanitation practices.

Performs inventory of all supplies and materials.

Serves as expert witness in city housing court cases concerning rat and sanitation violations.

Keeps accurate records and files.

Performs other duties as assigned.

## **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:**

### **Data Utilization:**

Requires the ability to perform basic level of data analysis including the ability to review, classify, categorize, prioritize and/or reference data, statutes and/or guidelines and/or group, rank, investigate and diagnose. Requires discretion in determining and referencing such to established standards to recognize interactive effects and relationships.

### **Human Interaction:**

Requires the ability to provide guidance, assistance and/or interpretation to others, such as citizens, public officials, and co-workers on how to apply policies, procedures and standards to specific situations.

### **Equipment, Machinery, Tools and Materials Use:**

Requires the ability to operate, maneuver and/or provide simple but continuous adjustment on equipment, machinery and tools such as trucks, foggers, sprayers, microscope, and a computer, and/or materials used in performing essential functions.

### **Verbal Aptitude:**

Requires the ability to utilize a variety of advisory data and information such as technical operating manuals sanitation notices, ordinances, surveillance reports, statutes, procedures, guidelines and non-routine correspondence.

### **Mathematical Aptitude:**

Requires the ability to perform addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division; calculate decimals and percentages.

### **Functional Reasoning:**

Requires the ability to carry out instructions furnished in written, oral or diagram form. Involves semi-routine standardized work, with some latitude for independent judgment regarding choices of action.

### **Situational Reasoning:**

Requires the ability to exercise the judgment, decisiveness and creativity in situations involving a variety of generally pre-defined duties that may be subject to frequent change.

### **Environmental Factors:**

Tasks may risk exposure to adverse environmental conditions, such as fumes, temperature and noise extremes, machinery, vibrations, electric currents, traffic hazards, animals/wildlife, toxic/poisonous agents, violence, disease, or pathogenic substances.

**Physical Requirements:**

Tasks require the ability to regularly perform moderately physically demanding work, typically involving some combination of lifting, pushing and pulling moderately heavy to heavy objects and materials, twenty (20) to fifty (50) pounds.

Tasks require the ability to stoop, kneel, crouch, crawl, balance, bend, and climb in order to perform inspection and treatment duties.

**Sensory Requirements:**

Requires the ability to recognize and identify similarities or differences between characteristics of colors, shapes, and odors associated with job-related objects, materials and tasks. Requires the ability to distinguish objects clearly both at near and far-range such as collecting samples.

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