

The City of Galax is currently accepting applications for the position of Water Treatment Plant Operator or Trainee. The position is open until filled. The City of Galax is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## **Water and Wastewater Treatment (Trainee/Class IV/Class III)**

FLSA Status: *Non-Exempt*

### **General Definition of Work**

Performs manual and semi-skilled work in maintenance and operation related work in the Utility and Engineering Departments. Performing grounds keeping duties and maintenance related work as apparent or assigned. Operates a dump truck, frontend loader, etc... Work is performed under the supervision of the Chief Operator or lead Shift Operator.

### **Qualification Requirements**

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential function satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable an individual with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

### **Essential Functions**

Operates a variety of mowers and equipment in grass cutting and trimming operations; operates weed eater and leaf blower; removes debris and trash from City properties. Maintain sedimentation basins and drying beds. Flushing hydrants in the distribution system and checking water pumping stations. Performs equipment maintenance and lubrication, cleaning, and painting as needed. Maintain and operate wastewater pumping stations and overflow containment basin. Pick up overflow samples during heavy rainstorms and deliver to the Galax WWTF; coordinate work with Engineering Dept. as needed for CMOM Program.

### **Knowledge, Skills and Abilities**

General knowledge of the safe use, operation and preventive maintenance of the equipment to which assigned; skill in the use of the equipment to which assigned; ability to understand and follow specific oral instructions; ability to use math equations and formulas; ability to perform manual labor for extended periods, general knowledge of occupational hazards connected with water and wastewater related activities; ability to establish and maintain effective relationships with associates.

### **Education and Experience**

High school diploma or GED, or equivalent combination of education and experience. The ability to obtain a Virginia Class II DPOR License Certification in Water or Wastewater in a reasonable time frame.

### **Physical Requirements**

This work requires the regular exertion of up to 50 pounds of force, frequent exertion of up to 25 pounds of force and occasional exertion of up to 100 pounds of force; work regularly requires standing, walking, speaking or hearing, using hands to finger, handle or feel, climbing or balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching or crawling, reaching with hands and arms, tasting or smelling, pushing or pulling, lifting and repetitive motions and occasionally requires sitting; work has standard vision requirements; vocal communication is required for expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word; hearing is required to perceive information at normal spoken word

levels; work requires operating machines and observing general surroundings and activities; work regularly requires working near moving mechanical parts, exposure to fumes or airborne particles, exposure to outdoor weather conditions and exposure to vibration and occasionally requires wet, humid conditions(non-weather), working in high, precarious places, exposure to toxic or caustic chemicals and exposure to bloodborne pathogens and may be required to wear specialized personal protective equipment; work is generally in a loud noise location(e.g. grounds maintenance, heavy traffic).

### **Special Requirements**

Possession of an appropriate drivers license valid in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The ability and willingness to obtain an appropriate commercial drivers license valid in the Commonwealth of Virginia.