

CITY OF WATERTOWN, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

245 Washington Street, Room 205

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ANNOUNCES AN OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR **Civil Engineer I** EXAM #87789-010

FILING FEE: \$15.00 **non-refundable** fee. Cash or check or money order payable to City Comptroller accepted. Include examination number on your check. **Credit cards are ACCEPTED ONLINE ONLY.** See general instructions regarding exceptions to the fee requirement. Applicants whose personal checks are returned for insufficient funds will be charged an additional fee.

TO BE HELD: Saturday, **March 15, 2025**

LAST FILING DATE: Applications must be **received** no later than 11:59 PM **Sunday, February 9, 2025**

VACANCIES: The eligible list resulting from this examination will be used to fill appropriate vacancies as they occur in the City of Watertown.

SALARY: \$59,677 - \$75,119

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either

- (A) Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the NYS Board of Regents to grant degrees with a Bachelor's Degree; or
- (B) Associate's Degree in civil engineering or related field.

DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIREMENT- Must possess and maintain a valid NYS Driver's License.

SPECIAL NECESSARY REQUIREMENT: Any employee hired to this position must obtain FE certification within two (2) years of appointment. The City Manager has the purview/option to waive the FE requirement for the selected individual based upon the demonstrated level of experience.

DUTIES: Responsibilities include managing all aspects of construction projects by coordinating zoning, permits, and project steps; surveying; designing projects; preparing project specifications; preparing budget estimates; coordination with contractors, field inspections, and regulatory oversight. The incumbent does related work as required.

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION: A test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and /or abilities in the following areas:

Principles and practices of civil engineering- These questions test for knowledge of engineering concepts and their practical applications to the construction, operation and maintenance of public works projects, including roadways, bridges, buildings, water and sewage systems and similar types of infrastructure.

Engineering plans, specifications and estimates- These questions test for knowledge of and the ability to read and interpret construction drawings and technical specifications, and for the ability to calculate cost and quantity estimates from technical presentations and/or engineering and construction drawings. Knowledge of estimating techniques and the proper method of construction for specified projects will be required.

Methods and materials of construction- These questions test for knowledge of the proper procedures and materials used in the construction, maintenance and repair of various types of public works projects, including such typical construction work as excavations, roadways, embankments, and building and related structural improvements.

The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a test guide for this examination. However, candidates may find information in the publication 'General Guide to Written Tests' helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available online at:

<https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>.

USE OF CALCULATORS: Calculators are **recommended** for this exam.

HOW TO APPLY: Applications may be obtained from and must be filed at the Watertown Civil Service Commission, Room 205 Municipal Building, 245 Washington Street, Watertown, New York. Applicants must answer every question on the application and make sure it is complete in all respects. Incomplete applications will be disapproved. Falsification of any part of the application will result in disqualification. Education and work experience must be documented on the application regardless if the candidate has elected to attach a resume. All statements made by candidates in their applications are subject to verification. Applications will not be accepted past the last filing date of the examination.

APPLICATION FEE: If your application is disapproved, the fee will not be refunded. You should carefully review the announced minimum qualifications. Please make sure you meet the minimum qualifications before applying to any examination. Applicants whose personal checks are returned for insufficient funds will be charged an additional fee.

VETERANS' CREDIT: Veterans or disabled veterans who are eligible for additional credit must submit an application for veterans' credit available from the Civil Service Commission. Applications for veterans' credit may be submitted with your application for examination or at any time before the new eligible list is established. Candidates currently serving in the armed forces may apply for conditional veterans' credits in examinations. Candidates who apply for such credit must provide proof of military status. It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide appropriate documentary proof indicating that the service was in time of war, as defined in Section 85 of the New York State Civil Service Law, and that the candidate received an honorable discharge or was released under honorable conditions. No credit may be granted after the new eligible list is established.

SPECIAL TEST DATE ACCOMMODATIONS/SABATH OBSERVERS/DISABLED CANDIDATES/MILITARY MEMBERS: Applicants whose religious beliefs or military service prevent their taking examinations on the scheduled date and disabled candidates who require special accommodations to take the test should indicate the need for special arrangements on their application. Candidates who are called to military service after filing an application should send requests for an alternate test date to the Watertown Civil Service Commission as soon as possible before the test date. Please see back of application for further information and instruction.

MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY: If you have applied for any other civil service examinations to be given on the same test date for employment with New York State or any other local government jurisdiction excluding New York City, you must make arrangements to take all the examinations at one test site. If you have applied for both State and local government examinations, you must take all your examinations at the State examination center. Please complete the Cross Filing form located on the City's website and submit it with your application, include all exams for which you have applied and at which agency you wish to take the exams. Your request must be received by this office no later than three (3) weeks before the date of the examinations. Requests received less than three (3) weeks before the date of the examinations will NOT be honored.

ADMISSION TO EXAMINATION: The Watertown Civil Service Commission does not acknowledge receipt of applications but all applicants are notified of the disposition of their application. Approved candidates will be notified at least five days in advance of the examination of the place, date and hour of the examination.

RATINGS REQUIRED: Unless the announcement states otherwise, this examination is being prepared and rated in accordance with Section 23(2) of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Laws, Rules and Regulations dealing with the preparation and rating of examinations, as well as establishment and certification of eligible lists for positions in the classified service will apply to this examination.

ELIGIBLE LIST: The duration of the eligible list may be fixed for a minimum period of one (1) year up to a maximum period of four (4) years. As employment opportunities arise, appointments from the eligible list will be made from the top three candidates willing to accept appointment.

CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 315-785-7733 OR EMAIL civilservice@watertown-ny.gov WITH ANY QUESTIONS. BE SURE TO FILE YOUR APPLICATION PROMPTLY.
THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS AVAILABE ON THE INTERNET AT: www.watertown-ny.gov