

## **MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR (LIGHT)**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The work involves the operation of a variety of motor equipment used in the construction and repair of streets, sidewalks, sewers, maintenance projects, and other public works activities. The class differs from Heavy Equipment Operator in that the incumbent operates less complex equipment and less equipment in general. The class differs from Municipal Worker in that an employee expends a significant portion of the shift operating a vehicle rather than performing laboring activities. The work is performed under general supervision with leeway allowed for exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the details of the work. May act as a lead over the work of Municipal Workers depending on the project. The incumbent does related work as required.

### **EXAMPLES OF WORK ACTIVITIES:**

- Operates both single-axle and tandem-axle trucks used in the construction and maintenance of streets, sewers, sidewalks, and other public works projects;
- May operate a refuse truck on an assigned route;
- Operates four-wheel drive snowplow truck or other type of truck-mounted snow removal equipment;
- Operates all equipment except those listed as heavy equipment by union contract;
- Performs minor mechanical repairs or servicing of automotive equipment;
- May, on assignment, operate bulldozer, excavator, grader, or other type of heavy automotive equipment;
- Services assigned equipment and maintains in clean condition;
- Loads and unloads trucks;
- May perform a variety of manual tasks such as cutting trees, road patching, bridge scraping and painting, and snow shoveling when not operating equipment;
- Performs manual tasks related to motor equipment operations such as gassing or loading the vehicle;
- Performs manual work assigned within departmental operations when not engaged in equipment operation.
- Operates the City owned Dredge used in cleaning the Water Department controlled coagulation basin.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:** Good knowledge of the operation of a variety of medium weight public works equipment; good knowledge of the geography of the City of Watertown; ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions; mechanical aptitude; willingness to respond to emergencies and work under adverse weather conditions; ability to operate motorized equipment; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma is preferred. One (1) year of experience in the operation of highway construction and maintenance equipment.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** Possession of a valid New York State operator's license appropriate for the vehicles operated.