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DATE: September 5, 2023
TO: Civil Service Board
FROM: Heather DuVal
Human Resources Supervisor
SUBJECT: Revised Job Classification of Heavy Equipment Mechanic

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL OF THE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC.

Background Information/Summary of Job

The Heavy Equipment Mechanic job classification was most recently revised and approved by the Civil Service Board in November 2022, as part of the job description project. At that time, the changes to the job description were very minimal. The purpose of this position is to diagnose, repair, and maintain heavy trucks, trailers, off-road equipment, and self-powered portable equipment.

New revisions to the job description will update License Requirements for the required driver's license and the Automotive Service Excellent (ASE) certification. The changes will allow the employee six months from their date of hire to obtain a Minnesota Class B commercial driver's license and the ASE Master Technician Certification, rather than requiring them upon hire, which will remove an employment barrier for potential candidates.

The proposed revisions to this job description were discussed with the Basic Union, and they are supportive of the changes.

Recommendation

Based on the above information, and in accordance with Section 13-7 of the Civil Service Code, I recommend that the Civil Service Board approve the revised job description for Heavy Equipment Mechanic.

Heavy Equipment Mechanic

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

To diagnose, repair, and maintain heavy trucks, trailers, off-road equipment, and self-powered portable equipment in a professional and expedient manner.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

For both one-of-a-kind and repetitive tasks, the supervisor makes specific assignments that are accompanied by clear, detailed, and specific instructions. Incumbents work as instructed and consult with the supervisor.

SUPERVISION GIVEN

Does not supervise.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Conduct detailed preventative maintenance, failure diagnostics, and repairs to complex systems by following factory manuals, using computer diagnostic equipment, and established maintenance schedules and procedures on heavy trucks, trailers, off-road equipment, and attachments. These systems include gas and diesel engines, transmissions, rear axles, suspensions, hydraulics, pneumatics, cooling, brakes, fuel, electrical, computer systems, snow equipment, and emergency response equipment.
2. Modify and set up equipment and vehicles to improve safety, efficiency, and productivity of the equipment.
3. Maintain vehicles and equipment in accordance with maintenance schedules, factory repair information, and industry standards.
4. Perform mandatory regulated inspections and test operation of city-owned, leased, and operated equipment and vehicles.
5. Assist staff in providing operator training through consultation or by providing technical information and demonstration of maintenance procedures.
6. Perform general fabrication and metalworking using torches, grinders, and drill presses.
7. Assist other technicians in the completion of their tasks by providing technical or physical assistance.
8. Assist in looking up or ordering parts required for repairs to equipment.
9. Perform emergency repairs away from the shop to return the vehicle or equipment to operation, or to enable returning the vehicle or equipment to the shop for further repair.
10. Complete cost estimates for time, labor, and materials so the supervisor can prioritize, budget, and schedule equipment repair projects in an efficient manner.
11. Operate vehicles and equipment to transport to repair location, diagnose malfunctions, verify operation, or perform repairs.
12. Clean vehicles and equipment as necessary to perform repairs.
13. Clean and maintain shop equipment, tools, and the general shop area.
14. Maintain all required records using computerized record keeping systems. Document work completed, track labor time for each work code, document parts and fluids consumed.
15. Maintain continuing education to stay current on rapidly changing vehicle and component technologies and standards.
16. Be an effective team member by exhibiting self-motivation, supporting other employees in handling tasks, interacting effectively and respectfully with others, showing a desire to contribute to the team effort, accepting assignments willingly, and completing tasks within agreed upon timelines.
17. Other duties may be assigned.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed are representative of the knowledge, skills, and abilities required.

1. Education & Experience Requirements
 - A. Associate's degree in automotive technology, diesel engine repair, or a closely related field, and two (2) years of related professional experience diagnosing and repairing heavy trucks, passenger vehicles, diesel engines, or heavy off-road equipment; OR a combination of four (4) years of related education and/or working experience to include diagnosing and repairing heavy trucks, passenger vehicles, diesel engines, or heavy off-road equipment.
2. License Requirements
 - A. Must possess and maintain a valid Minnesota Class B driver's license or privilege with Tanker endorsement within six (6) months of date of hire.
 - B. Must obtain ASE Master Technician Certification (T series or A series) within six (6) months of date of hire.
 - C. Must obtain overhead crane and forklift certification during the probation period and maintain certification thereafter.
 - D. Must obtain a MNDOT Inspector's Certification during the probation period and maintain certification thereafter.
 - E. Minnesota Class A driver's license or privilege is preferred.
3. Knowledge Requirements
 - A. Thorough knowledge of the principles, methods, tools, and equipment used in the repair of heavy trucks, trailers, off-road equipment, and self-powered portable equipment.
 - B. Thorough knowledge of all applicable safety standards, rules, laws, and procedures.
 - C. General knowledge of all state and federal motor vehicles laws and regulations.
 - D. General knowledge of vehicle electrical and computer-controlled systems.
 - E. General knowledge of welding and fabrication methods.
 - F. Working knowledge of problem-solving and conflict-resolution techniques.
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4. Skill Requirements
 - A. Skill in the use of hand and power tools, especially those used in vehicular maintenance and repair.
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 - D. Ability to record information in the proper manner in both written work orders and computer databases.
 - E. Ability to work outside in inclement weather.
 - F. Ability to position the body to effect repairs in confined spaces, such as underneath dashboards, under vehicles, etc.
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Physical Demands

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