

## Wastewater Operator

The City of Weatherford is accepting applications for a full-time Wastewater Operator. Responsibilities of this position include, but are not limited to, entry-level skilled labor of more than ordinary difficulty, which often involves the use of acquired skills. The Operator uses manual and power equipment to perform a variety of maintenance tasks and repairs of water and sewer systems, and city streets and alleys, as well as groundskeeping of city property and easements. Other tasks include routine tests and meter reading. Performs regular maintenance and emergency repairs on equipment as necessary.

**Notice**: This classification is a "safety sensitive" position as defined by the Oklahoma Standards for Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Act and Oklahoma Medical Marijuana laws. As a "safety sensitive" classification, you will be subject to drug and alcohol testing, including random testing. Marijuana is one of the substances included in the drug panel screening. Possession of a medical marijuana license will not excuse you from the testing process, or the consequences of testing positive for marijuana.

## **Summary of Essential Duties:**

- Provides courteous, efficient, and friendly service to all citizens.
- Performs repairs and maintenance on water storage, production, and distribution systems; sanitary sewer collection and treatment systems; and storm water drainage systems.
- Installs and troubleshoots equipment and machinery; performs routine preventive maintenance of same
- Operates a variety of equipment including, but not limited to, riding and walk-behind mowers, line trimmers, curb edgers, hedge trimmers, power tools, chainsaws, blowers, walk-behind vacuum, pressure washer, etc.
- Operates heavy machinery including a backhoe, dump truck, industrial chipper, tractor, sewer jetter, etc.
- Performs standard tests on water and sewer systems as directed.
- Assists with the repairs, cleaning and maintenance of city buildings and grounds, including snow removal, trash removal, weed eating, mowing, weeding, etc.
- Receives an Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality Class D certifications.
- Is able to work independently to complete tasks as assigned.
- Prepares required reports and completes record-keeping procedures, as necessary.
- Performs physically demanding work including lifting up to 50 lbs., climbing and working off ladders, working in confined spaces, digging, loading/unloading, and working outdoors in all types of weather.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

## **Minimum Qualifications:**

- Pass a pre-employment drug test.
- Ability to follow safety practices, as well as comprehend and apply basic safety principles when working in and around machinery.
- Ability to locate water lines, booster pumps, and electrical controls in the water field.
- Possess skill in using various tools and equipment in making repairs and installations of water service.
- Possess mental alertness and adaptability to office and field area work routines.
- Exhibit behavior that elevates morale and sets the example for other team members to follow.
- Possess verbal perception, motor coordination, eye-hand-foot coordination, and manual dexterity.
- Possess skill in working with handheld computers.
- Understand and practice the City of Weatherford Personnel Policy Manual.

- Ability to read and understand documents such as policy manuals, safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions, and procedure manuals.
- Ability to understand and follow oral and written instruction.
- Ability to read, understand and communicate fluently in the English language.
- Ability to perform work operations which permit a frequent opportunity for decision-making of minor importance, and which would not only affect the operating efficiency of the individual involved but would also affect the work operations of other employees and or clientele to a slight degree.
- Ability to interact with the general public, patrons, or other outside representatives, wherein the manner in handling these contacts has a bearing on the organization's position and operation.
- Ability to work independently with little supervision.
- Possess thorough knowledge of Water Department and Water Service Worker functions.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers and the public.
- Ability to obtain Class D Water License.
- Must possess a valid driver's license and driving record acceptable to City's insurance carrier.
- Possess a high school diploma or equivalent.

## **Working Conditions/Physical Requirements**

- Much of the work is performed outdoors in inclement weather and during all seasons.
- Some work may be performed in confined areas, on slick and wet surfaces.
- Performs manual labor for extended periods under unfavorable weather conditions.
- Works often times in cramped space, drafty areas, poor lighting, and other unpleasant conditions. Work with a group to complete a job.
- Must have the strength to pull, lift, push 50 lb. objects on a frequent basis and up to 100 lb. on an infrequent basis;
- flexibility to bend, twist, reach; mobility to climb, crawl, walk;
- dexterity to operate machinery and tools on uneven surfaces, and stamina to exert self throughout the day in all
  weather conditions.
- Will be subject to 24-hour on call.