

Jurisdiction: City of Ithaca  
Jurisdictional Class: Non-competitive  
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## **LIGHT EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The work involves responsibility for the operation of a variety of light motor equipment, machinery and tools on public works projects including the construction, maintenance and/or repair of municipal streets, bridges, parks and grounds, water distribution systems, wastewater collection systems and solid waste disposal. The incumbent also transports construction equipment and machinery to and from work sites. The incumbent also performs other activities connected with the work, including pre-shift inspections of trucks, routine lubrication and maintenance of equipment, and manual labor. The incumbent performs recurring manual duties related to the operation of the equipment and other duties as assigned when not operating equipment. The position is distinguished from that of Heavy Equipment Operator by the size, weight and complexity of the equipment operated. The work is performed under general supervision. Does related work as required.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

- Operates a variety of trucks in connection with the construction and maintenance of highways and bridges, water and wastewater, solid waste removal and other public works projects, including single-axle trucks such as one-ton, three-yard and five-yard trucks, and tandem-axle trucks such as 10-wheel dump trucks;
- Transports personnel, equipment, machinery, tools and materials such as sand, stone, gravel, and dirt to work sites;
- Operates snow plow trucks, snow blowers and other snow removal equipment;
- Operates sanitation and recycling trucks;
- Operates a variety of light construction equipment, machinery and tools including front-end loaders, small articulated loaders, skid steers with various attachments, cement mixers, mortar mixers, jackhammers, tamps, concrete vibrators, stripers, saws, drills, torches, floats, edgers, chippers, wood splitters, blowers, mowers, tillers, weed eaters, tapping machines, pipe cutters, compressors, rakes, shovels, etc;
- Loads and unloads trucks;
- Performs manual tasks, such as trimming and planting trees, road patching, cleaning culverts, scraping and painting, plowing snow and snow shoveling, picking up brush and trash, cleaning up work sites, jack hammering, mixing concrete, assembling playground equipment and other tasks when not operating trucks;
- Performs routine maintenance and minor mechanical adjustments and repairs of motor equipment operated.

### **FULL PERFORMANCE, KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Good knowledge of the operation and maintenance of a variety of light motor equipment and construction equipment, including single-axle and tandem-axle trucks; good knowledge of the operation and maintenance of a variety of machinery and tools used in public works projects; good knowledge of local geography and roads; skill in the safe and efficient operation of assigned equipment; ability to understand and follow oral and written directions; ability to understand assigned equipment operating and servicing information; ability to successfully work with and serve a diverse local community; willingness to work under all weather conditions; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

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**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Possession of a valid New York State Class B Commercial Driver License (CDL) or a valid Commercial Driver License equivalent to a New York State Class B Commercial Driver License at the time of appointment and maintenance of said license for the duration of employment.