General Statement of Duties

Performs entry-level professional planning work including participating and assisting in developing planning projects, goals, and guidelines and conducts planning studies and research in a variety of social, economic, and physical areas.

Distinguishing Characteristics

The City Planner is a seven (7) level classification series. Incumbents in these classes are responsible for developing planning projects, goals, and guidelines, conducting planning studies, and research in a variety of social, economic, and physical areas with increasing responsibility and decision making at each level within the series:

- City Planner Staff
- City Planner Associate
- City Planner Senior
- City Planner Principal
- City Planner Supervisor
- Manager City Planning
- Director City Planning

These classes are distinguished from the Airport Planning class series by the specialization of education and experience required for airport planning.

Guidelines, Difficulty, and Decision-Making Level

Procedures, methods, and techniques to be used are well established with options to be considered well defined. Tools, work aids, and materials to be used are specified. Work steps are demonstrated or made clear by straightforward oral instructions.

Duties assigned are primarily routine, repetitive, and restricted in intricacy with little or no discretion in how they are carried out.

Level of Supervision Received & Quality Review

Under close supervision, the employee receives training to develop skills and abilities in a specific line of work or general occupational area. Work product is subject to close, continuous inspection.

Interpersonal Communication & Purpose

Contacts with the public or employees where information relative to the organization or its functions is received, relayed, or service rendered according to established procedures or instructions.

Level of Supervision Exercised

None

Essential Duties

Trains and assists with planning studies and research in disciplines such as transportation, historic preservation, land use, environmental factors, residential, commercial, and industrial sectors as part of the maintenance of the comprehensive plan, other specialized city plans, and the preparation of district/neighborhood plans.
Compiles and analyzes technical and statistical information to determine existing conditions and to isolate trends. Analyzes data formulate recommendations and prepares reports.

Trains and assists with researching a variety of planning problems and issues such as land use, growth management, and transportation, compiles data from land use maps, population, employment, and traffic studies, and other specialized surveys related to social, physical, and economic factors.

 Prepares a variety of visual materials and presentations including advanced graphics, maps, and charts to synthesize and communicate technical and complex information to a variety of internal and external audiences.

Performs increasingly responsible duties as the employee gains experience and independence in performing planning duties.

Performs other related duties as assigned.

Any one position may not include all of the duties listed. However, the allocation of positions will be determined by the amount of time spent in performing the essential duties listed above.

### Competencies

**Interpersonal Skills** – Shows understanding, friendliness, courtesy, tact, empathy, cooperation, concern, and politeness to others and relates well to different people from varied backgrounds and different situations.

**Oral Communication** – Expresses information to individuals or groups effectively; considering the audience and nature of the information; makes clear and convincing oral presentations; listens to others, attends to nonverbal cues and responds appropriately.

**Planning and Evaluating** – Organizes work, sets priorities, and determines resource requirements; determines short- or long-term goals and strategies to achieve them; coordinates with other organizations or parts of the organization to accomplish goals; monitors progress and evaluates outcomes.

**Reading** – Understands and interprets written material, including technical material, rules, regulations, instructions, reports, charts, graphs, or tables; applies what is learned from written material to specific situations.

**Writing** – Writes in a clear, concise, organized, and convincing manner for the intended audience.

### Knowledge & Skills

Knowledge of functions, principles, methods, and techniques of public planning including community planning, outdoor recreation planning, and natural resource management such as demand forecasting, environmental impact analysis, financial forecasting, land use planning, and zoning.

Knowledge of principles and methods for moving people and goods by air, rail, and/or road including costs and limits.

Knowledge of the principles and tools relevant to land use planning, development, regulations, and permitting.

### Education Requirement

Bachelor’s Degree in City or Regional Planning, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Historic Preservation, Engineering, or a related field.

### Experience Requirement

None
### Education & Experience Equivalency

One (1) year of the appropriate type and level of experience may be substituted for each required year of post-high school education.

Additional appropriate education may be substituted for the minimum experience requirements.

### Licensure & Certification

By position, requires a valid Driver's License at the time of application.

Licenses and certifications must be kept current as a condition of employment.

### Working Environment

Subject to many interruptions.
Subject to pressure from multiple calls and inquiries.
Subject to long irregular hours.

### Level of Physical Demand

1-Sedentary (0-10 lbs.)

### Physical Demands

(Physical Demands are a general guide, and specific positions will vary based on working conditions, locations, and agency/department needs.):

- **Sitting:** remaining in the normal seated position.
- **Reaching:** extending the hand(s) and arm(s) in any direction.
- **Handling:** seizing, holding, grasping, or otherwise working with hands.
- **Fingering:** picking, pinching, or otherwise working with fingers.
- **Talking:** expressing or exchanging ideas by means of spoken words.
- **Hearing:** perceiving the nature of sounds by the ear.
- **Near acuity:** ability to see clearly at 20 inches or less.
- **Depth Perception:** ability to judge distance and space relationships.
- **Accommodation:** ability to adjust vision to bring objects into focus.
- **Lifting:** raising or lowering objects weighing no more than 10 pounds, from one level to another.

### Background Check Requirement

- **Criminal Check**
- **Education Check**
- **By position, Motor Vehicle Record**

### Assessment Requirement

None

### Probation Period

Six (6) months.
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