



FIRE INSPECTOR

*Class specifications are intended to present a descriptive list of the range of duties performed by employees in the class. Specifications are **not** intended to reflect all duties performed within the job.*

DEFINITION

This position serves the public through enforcement of Village fire and life safety codes and ordinances; through inspections of residential, commercial and industrial properties; and provides consultation and information to residents, architects, attorneys, fire service personnel and builders regarding laws, rules, regulations and department policy relating to fire and life safety.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives general supervision from the Fire Marshal. This position has no supervisory responsibilities.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES - *Essential and other important responsibilities and duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:*

Essential duties and responsibilities

1. Responsible for understanding and applying Village of Oak Park Code of Ordinances and any adopted codes and ordinances as they apply to life safety and fire prevention.
2. Performs inspections and fire systems tests of new and existing buildings to ensure compliance with fire and life safety codes.
3. Reviews job site plans/drawings for any discrepancy or deviation from Village approved plans/drawings. Utilizes special tools, instruments, equipment, etc. as necessary in fulfilling job duties or assigned tasks, as directed.
4. Organizes daily work schedule, and completes designated or scheduled inspections and/or assignments, prior to end of work day.
5. Investigates complaints and performs inspections as required to promote safety and prevent fire hazards.
6. Responsible for contacting and notifying responsible parties involved, and assisting in resolving all code infractions to ensure compliance with codes and ordinances.
7. Provides technical assistance, correspondence, and/or notices, to the general public, Village personnel, property owners, and contractors.
8. Issues warning notices, tickets and citations as directed, involving violations of the Village of Oak Park Code of Ordinances, and/or other related Village adopted ordinances and codes.
9. Responsible for developing and presenting educational materials for community members and professionals regarding laws, rules, regulations and department policy relating to fire and life safety.
10. Respond when needed to emergency call-outs for inspections or condemnations.



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11. Maintains documentation and appears in court as necessary.

Other important responsibilities and duties

Attends educational courses and seminars as needed in order to maintain certifications and;
Performs other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Specific knowledge and familiarity of the 2018 International Fire Code

General knowledge of the requirements and materials that relate to fire prevention codes, occupancies, egress and safety, and hazardous materials.

General knowledge of the requirements for legal enforcement of Village of Oak Park Code of Ordinances.

Ability to:

Ensure that best in class customer service is provided to both internal and external customers and also embrace, support, and promote the Village's core values, beliefs, and culture.

Effectively enforce the Village of Oak Park Code of Ordinances and related adopted ordinances.

Prepare written reports based on filed complaints and/or inspection results.

Maintain files or records of general information, letters, memorandums, correspondence inspection reports.

Investigate, locate, and detect code violations relating to property maintenance and licensing.

Communicate and to establish and maintain working relations with residents, property owners, contractors, tradesmen and the general public in a professional manner.

Analyze complex problems to arrive at recommendations.

Communicate and to establish and maintain working relations with coworkers.

Work autonomously through the use of effective use of scheduling tools and the utilization of the Village's online permit portal system.

Provide expert testimony in hearings, legal processes and in the court of law.

Resolve complaints through sound decisions and the fair and applicable application of the appropriate codes and Village policies and procedures,

Perform complex research and analyses.



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Use a computer to produce various reports, analysis and information in the form of graphs or any other visual format.

Review conceptual and working architectural drawings and plan specifications for Historic Preservation compliance.

Perform various reviews and evaluations to determine program compliance.

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Maintain physical condition appropriate to the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities which may include the following:

- Sitting for extended periods of time
- Operating assigned equipment.

Maintain effective audio-visual discrimination and perception needed for:

- Making observations
- Communicating with others
- Reading and writing
- Operating assigned equipment.

Maintain mental capacity which allows for effective interaction and communication with others.

Maintain reasonable and predictable attendance

Work overtime as operations require

Experience and Training Guidelines

Experience: A minimum of two years of fire prevention or inspection experience. Experience in a position involving customer service and customer complaint investigation skills.

Training: Associates Degree in fire science, building technology or closely related field.

License or Certificate

Certification in Fire Inspector I with the International Code Council, OSFM Inspector I or ability to obtain within one-year date of hire.

Proficiency with current computer software systems, including email, calendar programs, job specific software, and customer service systems preferred or within the first six months of employment.

Possession of a valid Illinois driver's license, and reliable transportation.



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WORKING CONDITIONS

Travel from site to site in residential or commercial environment; work in inclement weather conditions; significant walking on a daily basis.

May be required to occasionally use a ladder or inspect low areas.

COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements: As a condition of employment, all Village employees must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and must submit proof of vaccination or a completed exemption form. Those employees who are not fully vaccinated shall be required to participate in the Village's COVID-19 testing program and wear a mask at all times in the workplace except when actively eating or drinking.