

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

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.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

Under general administrative direction, plans, directs, manages, and oversees the activities and operations of the Community Development Department including land planning, building inspection, neighborhood improvement, environmental programs, and CDBG/Housing; coordinates assigned activities with other departments and outside agencies; and provides highly responsible and complex administrative support to the City Manager.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES

The following duties are typical for this classification. Incumbents may not perform all of the listed duties and/or may be required to perform additional or different duties from those set forth below to address business needs and changing business practices.

1. Assume full management responsibility for all Community Development Department services and activities including planning, community development block grants, housing and community development programs, housing set-aside, property acquisitions, neighborhood improvement and code enforcement, and building and zoning inspection.
2. Manage the development and implementation of departmental goals, objectives, and priorities for each assigned service area; recommend and administer policies and procedures.
3. Establish, within City policy, appropriate service and staffing levels; monitor and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery methods and procedures; allocate resources accordingly.
4. Assess and monitor work load, administrative and support systems, and internal reporting relationships; identify opportunities for improvement; direct and implement changes.
5. Plan, direct, and coordinate, through subordinate level staff, the Community Development Department's work plan; assign projects and programmatic areas of responsibility; review and evaluate work methods and procedures; meet with key staff to identify and resolve problems.
6. Select, train, motivate, and evaluate assigned personnel; provide or coordinate staff training; work with employees to correct deficiencies; implement discipline and termination procedures.
7. Oversee and participate in the development and administration of the department budget; approve the forecast of funds needed for staffing, equipment, materials, and supplies; approve expenditures and implement budgetary adjustments as appropriate and necessary.
8. Prepare Requests for Proposals; administer agreements for consulting services; conduct research and prepare reports.

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9. Direct special studies related to activities of the department and submit recommendations on projects and programs to the City Manager.
10. Initiate or conduct special studies as assigned and prepare reports with recommendations for appropriate action.
11. Provide staff assistance to the City Manager; prepare and present staff reports and other necessary correspondence.
12. Represent the Community Development Department to other departments, elected officials, and outside agencies; coordinate assigned activities with those of other departments and outside agencies and organizations.
13. Explain, justify, and defend department programs, policies, and activities; negotiate and resolve sensitive and controversial issues.
14. Participate on a variety of boards, commissions, and committees.
15. Attend and participate in professional group meetings; maintain awareness of new trends and developments in the fields related to community development; incorporate new developments as appropriate.
16. Respond to and resolve difficult and sensitive citizen inquiries and complaints.
17. Perform related duties as required.

QUALIFICATIONS

The following generally describes the knowledge and ability required to enter the job and/or be learned within a short period of time in order to successfully perform the assigned duties.

Knowledge of:

- Operations, services, and activities of comprehensive community development programs.
- Advanced principles and practices of engineering and urban planning.
- Advanced principles and practices of program development and administration.
- Principles and practices of municipal budget preparation and administration.
- Principles of supervision, training, and performance evaluation.
- Pertinent federal, state, and local laws, codes, and regulations.

Ability to:

- Manage and direct comprehensive community development programs.
- Develop and administer departmental goals, objectives, and procedures.
- Analyze and assess programs, policies, and operational needs and make appropriate adjustments.
- Identify and respond to sensitive community and organizational issues, concerns, and needs.
- Plan, organize, direct, and coordinate the work of lower level staff.
- Delegate authority and responsibility.
- Select, supervise, train, and evaluate staff.
- Analyze problems, identify alternative solutions, project consequences of proposed actions, and implement recommendations in support of goals.

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- Research, analyze, and evaluate new service delivery methods and techniques.
- Properly interpret and make decisions in accordance with appropriate laws, regulations and policies.
- Maintain liaison with various private and public agencies, and deal successfully with the public and other interested groups.
- Prepare clear and concise administrative and financial reports.
- Prepare and administer large and complex budgets.
- Interpret and apply applicable federal, state, and local policies, laws, and regulations.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Education and Experience Guidelines

Education/Training:

A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in urban planning, public administration, or a related field. A Master's degree is highly desirable.

Experience:

Six years of increasingly responsible community development experience, including three years of management and administrative responsibility.

License or Certificate:

Possession of, an appropriate, valid driver's license.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT

The conditions herein are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential job functions.

Environment: Work is performed primarily in a standard office setting with occasional travel from site to site.

Physical: Primary functions require sufficient physical ability and mobility to work in an office setting; to stand or sit for prolonged periods of time; to occasionally stoop, bend, kneel, crouch, reach, and twist; to lift, carry, push, and/or pull light to moderate amounts of weight; to operate office equipment requiring repetitive hand movement and fine coordination including use of a computer keyboard; and to verbally communicate to exchange information.

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This class specification identifies the essential functions typically assigned to positions in this class. Other duties not described may be assigned to employees in order to meet changing business needs or staffing levels but will be reasonably related to an employee's position and qualifications. Other duties outside of an individual's skill level may also be assigned on a short term basis in order to provide job enrichment opportunities or to address emergency situations.