

City of Claremont, New Hampshire

Position Description

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| Position Title: | Building Inspector & Deputy Health Officer | FLSA Status: | Non-Exempt |
| Reports to: | Chief Building & Code Enforcement Officer | Union/Merit: | AFSME Union - Clerical |
| Department: | Planning & Development | Grade Level-Points: | Level IV |
| | | Revised/Updated: | 9/17/18 |

Job Summary

To inspect buildings and structures during construction, repair, and alteration to ensure compliance with applicable state and city regulations and building codes as well as adherence to specifications and plans. To assist in enforcing environmental, health, and safety regulations. While Building Inspector generally carries out the essential job functions at the direction of the Chief Building Inspector and Health Officer, the Building Inspector is nonetheless expected to carry out the essential job functions list below in a self-directed manner when appropriate and necessary.

Essential Job Functions (Except as specifically noted, the following functions are considered essential to this position. The listed examples may not include all duties found in this class)

1. Enforces all applicable city, state and federal codes and regulations including ICC Property Maintenance, Building, Plumbing, Electrical, ANSI (handicap accessibility code), Health, State and Energy.
2. Reviews construction plans and performs on-site inspections for all types of construction to include; verifies that the plans have been prepared by a person legally authorized to do so, assure that prior approvals have been obtained as appropriate, assure that plans meet the required degree of code compliance on alterations, additions, conversions and repairs, determine occupancy classification and physical properties of building, examines grades and elevations for buildings, determine building height in feet above grade, determine building height in stories, and determine separation distance from exterior walls to property lines.
3. Inspects buildings and structures for compliance with building codes and regulations.
4. Performs Code Enforcement duties as assigned including violations, notifications, follow up inspections and letters.
5. Cites deficiencies and rechecks to make sure corrections have been made.
6. Assists in the enforcement of environmental regulations including wetlands restrictions, waste disposal, or other possible environmental pollutants.

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7. Ensures that land usage and buildings conform to health and safety as well as zoning regulations.

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8. Reviews construction plans and specifications working with the City Planning & Development Department, Department of Public Works, Fire Department and other city departments to insure all necessary contacts have been made and impact fees have been calculated and collected.
9. Assists the Technical Review Committee with other departments involved in proposed and current projects
10. Assists contractors, public and other city staff with related questions or concerns regarding city code regulations.
11. Assists with the maintenance of all department records. Maintains up to date reference files.
12. Maintains current National Certification (International Building & Residential Codes and ICC Plans Examiner) through continuing education.
13. Responds to related complaints from the public including nuisance, animal control, and pest control, septic system, lead abatement, water quality, medical waste, indoor air quality, solid waste and other issues related to health.
14. Inspects all City food establishments for compliance with food safety code.
15. Responds to related complaints from the public including nuisance, animal control, and pest control, septic system, lead abatement, water quality, medical waste, indoor air quality, solid waste and other issues related to health.
16. Assist in communication with State Bureau of Disease Control and State Public Health Nurse and local officials related to a communicable disease or other public health concerns at the direction of the Planning & Development Director.
17. Performs, periodically or upon request, facility inspection for schools as required by New Hampshire Department of Education as part of the State certification programs. Prepares report and distributes to appropriate personnel.
18. Conducts plan review meetings with architects, engineers, contractors, builders, owners and the general public to answer questions regarding code requirements, permitting, and plan review procedures.
19. Performs other related duties as assigned.

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Peripheral Duties

Perform the duties of subordinate personnel as needed.
Analyze and recommend improvements to equipment and facilities, as needed. Participate in various committees.

Desired Minimum Qualifications

Education and Experience:

Three (3) years of experience in building trades construction and two (2) years as a municipal or county building inspector, OR Five (5) years of experience as a municipal or county building inspector.

An Associate's degree in building inspection technology is desirable and may be substituted for two (2) years of experience.

Knowledge of building, electrical, plumbing, sewer, and related codes as well as basic principles and techniques of building inspection.

Knowledge of property maintenance code and health code.

An International Building and Residential Certificate is desirable.

Necessary Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

Knowledge of:

- a. Computer applications related to the work.
- b. Extensive knowledge of principles and practices of building construction, plumbing, electrical, mechanical trades.
- c. Extensive knowledge of blueprints and construction plans.
- d. Considerable knowledge of record keeping, report preparation, filing methods and records management techniques.
- e. Considerable knowledge of applicable state, federal and local laws, rules and regulations.

Ability to:

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- f. Maintain electronic and written records and prepare reports and to document any and all information pertaining to the activities and responsibilities of the position.
- g. Maintain effective working relationships with department heads, employees, City Council and the public and to deal with service problems courteously and tactfully.
- h. Read and interpret construction plans and drawings.
- i. Read, analyze and interpret professional periodicals and journals, technical procedures, construction codes, architectural and engineering plans and specifications, and government regulations.
- j. Deal with problems involving variables in standardized and unique situations.
- k. Make accurate arithmetic calculations.
- l. Demonstrated ability to communicate both orally and in writing.

Skill in:

- m. Considerable skill in organizing work, setting priorities, meeting critical deadlines, and following up assignments with a minimum of direction.
- n. Skill in the use of the tools and equipment listed below.

Supervision Received

Works directly under the Chief Building & Code Enforcement Officer

Supervision Exercised

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Responsibility for Public Contact

Daily contact requiring courtesy, discretion, and sound judgment.

Licensing & Certification

International Building & Residential Certificate.

ICC Building Plan Examiner Certificate.

Must obtain certificates listed above within one year of employment and must maintain any required approvals and designations as required.

Must maintain a valid motor vehicle operator's license.

Tools & Equipment Used

Personal computer including Microsoft Office software, accounting software, motor vehicle, telephone, typewriter, calculator, copy machine, and fax machine etc.; various codes, ordinances, manuals, and handbooks.

Typical Work Surface(s): Standard office desk and chair; tables; computer work station, wood, tile, cement and carpeted floors; landscaped, rough or uneven terrain; cement, asphalt, stone or soil surfaces.

Typical Controls & Equipment: Calculator, computer, printers, telephone, typewriter, copy machine, fax machine, postage machine, folder/insertor, microfilm/fiche reader, computer mouse.

Typical Work Environment: Inside: 20% Outside: 80%

Summary of Occupational Exposures: May be exposed to cleaning fluids, copier toner, etc. as well as exposure to construction equipment, sunlight, insects, domestic and wild animals, and all New England weather conditions.

The incumbent's working conditions are typically quiet to moderately loud.

Physical Activity Requirements

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Primary Physical Requirements

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| <u>LIFT up to 10 lbs.:</u> | Frequently required |
| <u>LIFT 11 to 25 lbs.:</u> | Occasionally required |
| <u>LIFT 26 to 50 lbs.:</u> | Rarely required |
| <u>LIFT over 50 lbs.:</u> | Not required |

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| <u>CARRY up to 10 lbs.:</u> | Occasionally required |
| <u>CARRY 11 to 25 lbs.:</u> | Occasionally required |
| <u>CARRY 26 to 50 lbs.:</u> | Occasionally required |
| <u>CARRY over 50 lbs.:</u> | Not required |

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| <u>REACH above shoulder height:</u> | Occasionally required |
| <u>REACH at shoulder height:</u> | Occasionally required |
| <u>REACH below shoulder height:</u> | Occasionally required |
| <u>PUSH/PULL:</u> | Occasionally required |

Other Physical Considerations

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| <u>Twisting:</u> | Occasionally required |
| <u>Bending:</u> | Occasionally required |
| <u>Crawling:</u> | Rarely required |
| <u>Squatting:</u> | Occasionally required |

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| <u>Kneeling:</u> | Occasionally required |
| <u>Crouching:</u> | Occasionally required |
| <u>Climbing:</u> | Rarely required |
| <u>Balancing:</u> | Rarely required |
| <u>Grasping:</u> | Frequently required |

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| <u>Handling:</u> | Frequently required |
| <u>Torquing:</u> | Occasionally required |
| <u>Fingering:</u> | Frequently required |

During an 8-hour Day, Employee is Typically Required To:

| | <u>Consecutive Hours</u> | <u>Total Hours</u> |
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| Sit | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| Stand | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| Walk | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |

Cognitive and Sensory Requirements:

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| <u>Talking:</u> | Necessary for communicating with others. |
| <u>Hearing:</u> | Necessary for taking instructions and information. |
| <u>Sight:</u> | Necessary for performing job effectively and correctly. |
| <u>Tasting & Smelling:</u> | Not required for the performance of the functions of this position. |

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