

CITY OF LOCKPORT
MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING ONE LOCKS PLAZA LOCKPORT, NEW YORK

OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION
FOR:
TREE TRIMMER

LAST DAY FOR FILING:
March 24, 2020

DATE OF EXAMINATION:
April 25, 2020

Exam No. 64-310

FILING FEE: A non-refundable \$15 filing fee must accompany your application. Check or money orders make out to the City of Lockport.

VACANCIES: The eligible list established as a result of this examination will be used to fill vacancies as they occur in the City of Lockport Highway and Parks Department.

SALARY: \$17.57/HR TO \$21.99/HR

DUTIES: This is moderately difficult work in the pruning, trimming, removing, transplanting and felling of trees. This position is usually preceded by Tree Trimmer Trainee, but not always. The employee is also capable of performing all task required of a Heavy Equipment Operator. Direct supervision is given from the Tree Crew Leader, then the assigned Public Works Supervisor, with general supervision by the Director of the Streets and Parks

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must meet the following either on or before the date of the written examination:

- a) Three (3) years of experience as a tree trimmer trainee or equivalent; OR
- b) Possession of a valid NYS Commercial Driver's License for no less than 6 months; OR
- c) An equivalent combination of training and experience as stated above; and
- d) Demonstrate knowledge of tree removal and of roping techniques used to safely fell trees.

Special Requirement: Possession of a CDL at the time of appointment and throughout the time of service with the City of Lockport

SUBJECT OF EXAM: Written examination will cover knowledge, skills and abilities in such areas as:

Tree felling, removing, spraying, and trimming

These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices involved in pruning, trimming, felling, and removing trees; proper spraying procedures for applying pesticides; and safe operating procedures.

Tree and shrub planting, cultivating, transplanting, and pruning, including identification and characteristics of trees common to NYS

These questions test for knowledge of the principles, practices, and proper techniques involved in planting, cultivating, transplanting, and pruning trees and shrubs; and the ability to identify various types of trees and woody plants common to New York State, including their characteristics and site requirements.

Tools, equipment, terminology, and safety practices related to the care and removal of trees

These questions test for knowledge of the proper use and maintenance of the various types of tools and equipment involved in the care and removal of trees, including safe operating practices.

Test guide:

The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a test guide for this examination. However, candidates may find information in the publication 'General Guide to Written Tests' helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available on line at: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>.

CALCULATORS ARE ALLOWED FOR THIS EXAMINATION

Unless otherwise notified candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held solar or battery powered calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboards, spell checkers, personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries, or other similar devices are prohibited. Use of books and other reference materials are prohibited.

This written exam is being prepared and rated by the NYS Department of Civil Service in accordance with §23.2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the NYS Civil Service Rules and Regulations dealing with rating of exams will apply to this test.

SENIORITY:

Points will be added to a passing eligible score as follows:

Less than 1 year	0 points
Over 1 year up to 6 years	1 points
Over 6 years up to 11 years	2 points
Over 11 years up to 16 years	3 points
Over 16 years up to 21 years	4 points
Over 21 years up to 26 years	5 points