

**COUNTY OF ORANGE
MUNICIPAL/SCHOOL
JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION**

CLASS TITLE: Fire Inspector

TITLE #: 1295

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for determining compliance with Municipal Residence Law, state and local building codes, and fire ordinances, as they relate to fire prevention and safety. The work requires close attention to detail since errors in judgment might endanger lives and property. Accurate and timely reporting of all inspections is an important element in assuring a sound and effective fire safety program. Work is performed under the general supervision of an appropriately designated official. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Inspects buildings and structures, both public and private, for compliance with state and local building codes and laws;

Investigates the cause, origin and circumstances of fires in which a person has been injured or by which property has been damaged or destroyed and, so far as possible, determines whether the fire is the result of carelessness or design;

Notifies proper authorities of suspicious fires and assists in the investigation;

Records and reports violations to the appropriate authority, with specific recommendations to effect compliance;

Prepares and maintains a record of all inspection activities as conducted;

Investigates complaints of possible fire hazards, recommends corrective action to preclude unsafe conditions and assists in preparing cases of non-compliance for court action;

Conducts follow-up inspections to assure that violations are corrected;

Assists in community promotion of information concerning fire prevention and safety as required;

Prepares and records code violations, inspection reports, and follow-up actions;

Reviews laws and codes in order to maintain currency concerning fire prevention safety.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of state and local fire ordinances and fire prevention programs; good knowledge of state and local building codes and statutes; good knowledge of modern fire fighting and prevention methods; ability to analyze and interpret building plans and specifications; ability to recognize fire hazards and recommend corrective actions; ability to establish and maintain good working relationships with public officials, building contractors, building superintendents and the general public; ability to communicate clearly and effectively; good powers of observation and judgment; courtesy, tact and firmness; physical condition commensurate with demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either

- (A) Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and three (3) years of experience as a paid or volunteer firefighter, fire safety inspector, or building inspector; OR
- (B) Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and four (4) years of experience in general construction work supplemented by completion of NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code Enforcement Training Courses 9A, 9B, & 9C (formerly Courses 40 and 41).

NOTE: Possession of New York State Basic Code Enforcement Training certificate may be substituted for the required experience.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the appointing authority to ensure that code enforcement personnel, as defined in Part 434, Title 19 of New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, who are charged with enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (Uniform Code) shall complete the prescribed minimum basic code enforcement training within the applicable period established under that part as well as required annual in-service training.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Must possess and maintain a valid driver's license.

JURISDICTIONAL CLASS: Competitive; Non-Competitive when part-time in Towns & Villages

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