

**CITY OF CHATTANOOGA**  
**Classification Specification Title: Sports Field Technician**

**Department: Parks & Outdoors**

**Pay Grade: GS.04**

**Supervision Received From: Sports Field Superint.**

**FLSA Status: Non-Exempt**

**Supervisory Responsibility For: None**

**Established: 2/09/22**

**Revision Dates: 4/4/25;  
10/20/23**

**CLASSIFICATION SUMMARY:**

Incumbents in this classification are responsible for technical work in the repair, construction, and maintenance to the City's sports fields and facilities. Duties involving skilled maintenance and/or construction of athletic fields, parks operations, landscape features and green infrastructure, irrigation, or other assigned areas. Inspection, selection, placement, care and maintenance of landscaping and turfgrass. Performing routine maintenance and repair of City equipment. Assist in game preparation techniques and short and long-term maintenance planning.

**SERIES LEVEL:** This is a stand alone position.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

*(The following duties ARE NOT intended to serve as a comprehensive list of all duties performed by all employees in this classification, only a representative summary of the primary duties and responsibilities. Incumbent(s) may not be required to perform all duties listed and may be required to perform additional, position-specific duties.)*

Perform work associated with maintaining sports fields.

Mows and prepares fields for play, often with short notice or turn around between games.

Measures, lays off, and paints lines on fields prior to play.

Maintains the structural integrity of the playing surface by rebuilding mounds, baselines, batter's boxes, and infield.

Maintains fencing and other surrounding structures.

Develops and maintains turf at an acceptable standard. Inspects facilities and fields to ensure they are safe.

Perform work associated with parks/recreational facility maintenance projects; may include maintenance of playgrounds, and recreational facilities and equipment; may mix, use and dispose of chemicals; may coordinate setup of bleachers, picnic tables and other equipment for events.

Provides support for athletic events as needed.

May assist crews in grounds maintenance of parks which includes scouting park for damages, spraying chemicals, trimming weeds and shrubs, removing dead plants, watering plants as necessary, repairing sprinkler systems, fertilizing greenery, operating aerator, taking soil samples, pressure washing concrete, removing trash, cleaning light fixtures, operating equipment in cutting trees and limbs around facility, creates and maintains landscape designs around the facility.

Prepares or completes various forms, reports, correspondence, or other documents.

Receives various forms, reports, correspondence, receipts, invoices, packing slips, manuals, or other documentation; reviews, completes, processes, forwards or retains as appropriate.

Communicates with supervisor, employees, other departments, the public, and other individuals as needed to coordinate work activities, review status of work, exchange information, or resolve problems.

Transports, loads and unloads various equipment and materials used in projects.

Utilizes safety equipment and monitors the work environment to ensure safety of employees and other individuals.

May operate a variety of machinery, equipment and tools associated with projects and work activities as needed; performs, plans and/or coordinates regular maintenance or necessary repairs.

Performs preventive maintenance on equipment which includes refilling lubricants; replacing worn parts; inspecting vehicles and equipment for safety hazards and/or performing other related activities.

Uses and maintains a full set of hand, power and shop tools and equipment related to the work; observes safe work methods and utilizes safety equipment related to the work.

May be required to use, carry, and answer their cell phone as determined by their job duties and the department head.

Must meet regular attendance requirements.

Must be able to maintain good interpersonal relationships with staff, co-workers, managers, and citizens.

Must accomplish the essential functions of the job, with or without reasonable accommodations, in a timely manner.

Performs other duties as assigned.

DEPARTMENT SPECIFIC DUTIES (if any):

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: High School Diploma or GED; supplemented by two (2) years previous experience and/or vocational/technical education involving; sports field maintenance;

commercial or public landscape maintenance or park landscape maintenance with experience in irrigation operation and repair; Must have reading and writing skills to prepare or complete various forms, reports, correspondence, or other documents.

Depending on the area of assignment, must be able to work weekends and holidays.

**LICENSING AND CERTIFICATIONS:** Required to possess and maintain a valid Class D driver's license.

#### **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:**

#### **KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:**

Some knowledge of turf management, landscaping and horticulture; some knowledge of and skill in the use of specialty equipment used in turf management; some knowledge of the sports played in the facilities to which employee is assigned; some knowledge of the field dimensions for the sports played at assigned facility; general knowledge of plant growth characteristics and proper techniques for pruning and shaping; general knowledge of the species of flowers, trees, and shrubs indigenous to the region; general knowledge of the appropriate safety precautions of the work; ability to work independently with minimal supervision; ability to work effectively with outside crews; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationship with customers and the general public; ability to understand and follow written and oral instructions.

#### **PHYSICAL DEMANDS:**

Positions in this class typically require climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, fingering, grasping, feeling, talking, hearing, seeing, and repetitive motions.

#### **WORK ENVIRONMENT:**

Medium Work: Exerting up to 50 pounds of force occasionally and/or up to 20 pounds of force frequently and/or up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects.

Incumbents may be subjected to moving mechanical parts, electrical currents, vibrations, fumes, odors, dusts, gasses, poor ventilation, chemicals, oils, extreme temperatures, inadequate lighting, work space restrictions, intense noises, and travel.

#### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Safety Sensitive: Y

Department of Transportation - CDL: N

Child Sensitive: N

The City of Chattanooga, Tennessee is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourage both prospective and current employees to discuss potential accommodations with the employer.