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JOB DESCRIPTION

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform the essential job functions satisfactorily. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the primary job functions herein described. Since every duty associated with this position may not be described herein, employees may be required to perform duties not specifically spelled out in the job description, but which may be reasonably considered to be incidental in the performing of their duties just as though they were actually written out in this job description.

Building Inspector I

Department: Building

Pay Grade: 106 (\$41,752.64 - \$64,716.59)

FLSA Status: Exempt

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Responsible for inspection work in the enforcement of the Florida Building Code and all county codes and ordinances regulating building construction, alterations, and repairs. Work is performed under the general direction of the Building Official.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

1. Inspects buildings under construction for compliance with building codes requirements.
2. Inspects sites before construction for practicability of plans.
3. Checks sites before footings are poured, and checks construction in progress.
4. Inspects alteration and repair jobs by checking sites and existing buildings.
5. Checks roof and foundation connections for building additions and inspects other work in progress.
6. Prepares reports, inspections, and investigations as required.
7. Assists and advises contractors, building owners and associates, officials, and the general public.
8. Also inspects demolitions, site cleanups, docks, davits, seawall repair, pools, patios, etc.
9. Also performs inspection work in the plumbing, electrical, and mechanical areas (residential).
10. Inputs, accesses and retrieves data from a computer.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- Knowledge of building, plumbing, electrical, mechanical and zoning codes and related laws and ordinance.
- Ability to detect faults in the trade in which they are licensed.
- Ability to read and interpret plans, specifications, blueprints quickly and accurately, and to compare them with construction in progress.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships.
- Ability to prepare comprehensive reports and maintain adequate and accurate records.

- Knowledge of building construction materials and methods, and of stages in construction when defects and violations may most easily be observed and corrected.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

High school diploma or equivalent; five (5) years' experience in the inspection field or equivalent.

LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS, OR REGISTRATIONS:

Immediately upon employment, the selected candidate has 90 days to obtain certification as a One- and Two-Family Dwelling Inspector or a Building, Commercial Electrical, Plumbing or Mechanical Inspector from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR). Failure to obtain a provisional certification within 90 days may be cause for termination.

The provisional certification must be converted to a standard license within the time allowed by DBPR. Failure to acquire and maintain a standard license within the time allowed by DBPR may be cause for termination.

ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL SKILLS:

Work is considered medium work which requires Exerting up to 50 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 30 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects Must have acceptable eyesight, acceptable hearing, and the ability to communicate both orally and in writing. Must be able to distinguish between colors, and have dept perception, have the ability to drive and feel vibrations. Additionally, the following physical abilities are required:

- Walking: Moving about on foot to accomplish tasks, particularly for long distances or moving from one work site to another.
- Standing: Particularly for sustained periods of time.
- Crawling: Moving about on hands and knees or hands and feet
- kneeling: Bending legs at knee to come to a rest on knee or knee.
- Stooping: Bending body downward and forward by bending spine at the waist. Occurs to a considerable degree and requires full motion of the lower extremities and back muscles
- Balancing: Maintaining body equilibrium to prevent falling while walking, standing or crouching on narrow, slippery, or erratically moving surfaces. The amount of balancing exceeds that needed for ordinary locomotion and maintenance of body equilibrium
- Acceptable eyesight (with or without corrections)
- Acceptable hearing (with or without hearing aid)
- Ability to communicate both orally and in writing
- Distinguish colors, depth perception
- Driving
- Ability to feel vibrations.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS:

Work is performed in an indoor and outdoor environment in various weather conditions with noise, slipper and uneven surfaces, including heights up to 100 feet, some stressful situations and some hazardous conditions.

THIS IS A DISASTER ESSENTIAL POSITION.

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The County complies with all applicable federal, state and local laws mandating equal employment opportunity practices and prohibiting impermissible discrimination. The County will not tolerate any discrimination based upon an individual's race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ethnicity, age, gender, pregnancy, marital status, veteran status or disability.