

**CITY OF GENOA
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

This description is intended to present a descriptive list of the range of duties performed by employees in the class. This description is **not** intended to reflect all duties performed within the job.

DEFINITION

To plan, direct, manage and oversee the activities, projects and operations of the Public Works Department including Streets, Water, Sewer, and Forestry maintenance and construction, and building/vehicle/equipment maintenance; to coordinate assigned activities with other city departments and outside agencies; and to provide highly responsible and complex administrative support to the City Administration office.

Essential duties and responsibilities

1. Assume full management responsibility for all Public Works Department services and activities including Streets, Water, Sewer, and Forestry maintenance and construction, and building maintenance; recommend and administer policies and procedures. Provide support to City Administration, elected officials, and citizens.
2. Direct the development and implementation of Public Works Department goals, objectives, policies and priorities for each assigned service area.
3. Establish, within city policy, appropriate service and staffing levels; monitor and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery methods and procedures; allocate resources accordingly.
4. Plan, direct and coordinate, through subordinate level supervisory and managerial personnel, the Public Works Department work plan; assign projects and programmatic areas of responsibility; review and evaluate work methods and procedures; meet with management staff to identify and resolve problems.
5. Assess and monitor work load, administrative and support systems, and internal reporting relationships; identify opportunities for improvement; direct and implement changes.
6. Select, train, motivate and evaluate Public Works Department personnel; provide or coordinate staff training; work with employees to correct deficiencies; implement discipline and termination procedures.
7. Serve as one of the City's resources for technical infrastructure and engineering expertise and effectively communicate the same to stakeholders.
8. Oversee and participate in the development and administration of the Public Works Department budget; approve the forecast of funds needed for staffing, equipment, materials and supplies; approve expenditures and implement budgetary adjustments as appropriate and necessary.

9. Explain and justify Public Works Department programs, policies, and activities to stakeholders; negotiate and resolve sensitive and controversial issues.
10. Represent the Public Works Department to other city departments, elected officials and outside agencies; coordinate Public Works Department activities with those of other departments, outside agencies and organizations. Attend council meetings, community meetings, and other meetings as necessary.
11. Development and evaluation of programs and policies for implementation of departmental and City needs and goals.
12. Assess and monitor the City's infrastructure to provide adequate levels of public service both for existing systems/networks and extensions/developments.
13. Represent the Public Works Department to the general public, coordinate / facilitate Public Works activities with public service needs.

Other important duties and responsibilities

1. Provide staff assistance to the City Administrator; prepare and present staff reports and other necessary correspondence.
2. Provide staff support to assigned boards.
3. Attend and participate in professional group meetings; stay abreast of new trends and innovations in the field of public works administration.
4. Respond to and resolve difficult and sensitive citizen inquiries and complaints.
5. Perform other duties as assigned by Administrative Staff and the Mayor.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge of:

- ❖ Operational characteristics, services and activities of a comprehensive public works program.
- ❖ Management skills to analyze programs, policies and operational needs.
- ❖ Construction techniques involving streets and roads, drainage systems, flood control, water supply and distribution and wastewater treatment and sewer collection.
- ❖ Principles and procedures of facility maintenance.
- ❖ Principles and practices of program management, development and administration.
- ❖ Principles and practices of municipal budget preparation and administration.
- ❖ Principles of supervision, training and performance evaluations.
- ❖ Current Human Relation and employee labor law issues.
- ❖ Pertinent Federal, State and local laws, codes and regulations such as OSHA.

Ability to:

- ❖ Plan, organize, direct and coordinate the work of lower level staff.
- ❖ Select, supervise, train and evaluate staff.

- ❖ Delegate authority and responsibility.
- ❖ Lead and direct the operations, services and activities of the Public Works Department.
- ❖ Determine the feasibility of various municipal projects.
- ❖ Coordinate design, construction, inspection, and maintenance activities for a variety of projects.
- ❖ Identify and respond to community issues, concerns and needs.
- ❖ Develop and administer goals, objectives and procedures.
- ❖ Prepare clear and concise administrative and financial reports.
- ❖ Prepare and administer large and complex budgets.
- ❖ Analyze problems, identify alternative solutions, project consequences of proposed actions and implement recommendations in support of goals.
- ❖ Research, analyze and evaluate new service delivery methods, procedures and techniques.
- ❖ Interpret and apply Federal, State and local policies, procedures, laws and regulations.
- ❖ Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
- ❖ Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.
- ❖ Follow all safety rules and regulations of the department to which assigned.

Experience:

10 years of increasingly responsible experience in the field of public works and six-years of supervisory responsibility.

License or Certificate

Valid Driver's License
Class 2 "Certification of Competency" from the State of Illinois
Class B "Certification of Competency" from the State of Illinois

WORKING CONDITIONS

Environmental Conditions:

Office/field environment; may work in inclement weather conditions.

Physical Conditions:

Essential and marginal functions require maintaining physical condition necessary for sitting, standing or walking for prolonged periods of time; and operating motorized vehicles.