



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD
Invites applications for the position of:

WATER MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
An Equal Opportunity Employer

SALARY RANGE: **\$31.04 – \$40.88/Hourly depending on qualifications (2022 Wages)**

CLOSING DATE: Position is open until filled. NEXT REVIEW on December 17th, 2021

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

Located in northern Clark County approximately 10 miles north of Vancouver, WA and 14 miles north of Portland, OR, Ridgefield is a rapidly growing community - the fastest growing in Washington State. The City encompasses nearly seven square miles, has a population of approximately 11,500, and offers a great community to live and work. Ridgefield's rolling hills, the picturesque Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, and historic downtown create a welcoming small town feel. And, the area offers an outstanding quality of life with affordable housing, excellent schools, extraordinary outdoor recreation opportunities, a rich history, a mild climate, wineries, unique shopping, restaurants, and much more.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

This position is in the Public Works Department and reports to the Utilities Supervisor. The Public Works Department oversees the design, construction, operation and maintenance of all City-owned infrastructure. This includes streets, sidewalks, water, stormwater, parks, and the city cemetery. The City's growth and mission of the Public Works Department will create varied and interesting tasks and a challenging career opportunity for a qualified professional who would like to make a difference in an active community.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

This position performs duties for the operation, maintenance and repair of major components of water utility, SCADA HIM system, water pumping wells, drinking water treatment plants, reservoirs, control valves, water distribution and hydraulics flow operations, adjustments of related equipment servicing and repair; mechanical, electrical and hydraulic, chlorine disinfection injection pumps, safety rules, codes and regulations including confined space. The Water Technician must be able to recognize unusual, inefficient or dangerous operating conditions and take appropriate action.

WORK SCHEDULE

Water Maintenance Technician is a full time, regular, non-exempt position with a normal work schedule of 40 hours per week and on-call responsibilities on some weekends. The position is covered under the terms of the collective bargaining agreement between Teamsters Local 58 and the City of Ridgefield.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The City of Ridgefield offers a comprehensive benefits package which includes family and domestic partner health benefits such as medical, dental and vision. Coverage is provided through Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield. Other benefits include an Employee Assistance Program, long-term disability, paid holidays, vacation and sick leave. Retirement benefits are provided through Washington State Retirement System.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The City is looking for a qualified Water Maintenance Technician who is able to take on responsibilities with very little supervision.

Any combination of experience and education which provides the applicant with the level of required knowledge and abilities may be considered.

1. **Education:** High School education and/or equivalent work experience.
2. **Experience:** Six years' experience in the operation and maintenance of water systems including one year experience in leading field crews.
3. **Certifications/Licenses:**
 - Valid Washington State driver's license with a driving record free from serious or frequent violations.
 - Possess or have the ability to obtain within six (6) months of employment: A Washington State Commercial Driver's License (Class B) with an Air Brake Endorsement; Washington State Water Distribution Manger, Class II certification, minimum; an Industrial First Aid/CPR Card and a Flagging and Traffic Control Card.
 - Possess or have the ability to obtain within one (1) year of employment: Water Treatment Plant Operator I.
 - Complete the following training within one (1) year of employment: Blood Borne Pathogens, Defensive Driving, Confined Space, Fall Protection, Fire Extinguisher and Evacuation, and Trenching and Shoring.
 - Electrical License is strongly preferred.
4. **Training:** Formal or vocational training in industrial mechanical maintenance and electric work sufficient to demonstrate proficiency in all skills, knowledge, and abilities listed.

Individuals are expected to work in a manner consistent with the City of Ridgefield's Team Philosophy; work and act as a team player in all interactions with other City employees; provide a high level of customer service at all times; project and maintain a positive image with those contacted in the course of work; develop and maintain collaborative and respectful working relationships with team members and others; and, consistently provide quality service.

HOW TO APPLY:

Interested candidates must submit the following materials:

1. A completed Application for Employment.
2. A cover letter explaining why the candidate is interested in the job position, strengths and weaknesses in the job, and a short summary of why the candidate is qualified for the position.

The Application for Employment can be submitted on-line at: <https://ridgefieldwa.us/government/job-opportunities>.

The final candidate will be required to successfully complete an interview process and background investigation.

More information about the Public Works Department and job opportunities are available on the City's website at www.ridgefieldwa.us or by calling Human Resources at 360-887-3557.

The City of Ridgefield is an equal opportunity employer committed to attracting and retaining a diverse mix of talented people who want to come, grow, and do their best work here. Together, we strive to create and maintain a working environment that is inclusive, equitable, welcoming and that provides the best possible services for our community.

This announcement is meant only as a general descriptive recruitment guide. It does not constitute either an expressed or implied contract and is not a complete description of the job.