

BUILDING INSPECTOR

DEFINITION

To perform a variety of commercial, industrial and residential building inspection duties at various stages of construction, alteration and repair throughout Glenn County.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is an entry-level classification in the Building Inspector series. Incumbents initially are assigned the least complex inspection duties in a limited number of construction areas. With increased experience and proficiency, incumbents will perform a full range of industrial, commercial and residential building inspections. It differs from that of Senior Building Inspector in that the Senior is responsible for the performance of the most complex residential and commercial inspections, reviews plans and may provide lead supervision over lower-level inspectors.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives general supervision from the Chief Building Official or the Director of the Department, and may receive lead supervision from the Senior Building Inspector.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES -- Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Inspects industrial, commercial and residential buildings during various stages of construction alteration and repair throughout Glenn County to ensure compliance with applicable codes and regulations of County, state and federal agencies.

Conducts joint inspections with other County departments.

Performs zoning inspections.

Confers with architects, contractors, builders and the general public in the field and office; explains and interprets requirements and restrictions.

Inspects foundation, concrete, steel, masonry and wood construction; framing, plastering, plumbing, heating and electrical installations, and a large variety of other building system elements.

Examines grade, quality and treatment of lumber, concrete, lath, wire and composition; checks stud, joist, rafter spacing and other structural member factors.

Initiates and monitors violation procedures and eviction process during abatement of dangerous buildings.

Verifies adherence to zoning and general land use regulations, and performs code enforcement inspection work as assigned.

Maintains detailed records and prepares required reports.

Performs general office/administrative work as necessary, including typing reports and correspondence, copying and filing documents, retrieving files, answering the telephone, providing help at the public counter, etc.

Performs related work, tasks and duties as assigned.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Any combination of education and experience sufficient to directly demonstrate possession and application of the following:

Knowledge of:

Building tools and materials.

Pertinent federal, state and local laws, codes and regulations.

Principles and techniques of building inspection work.

Principles of structural design and engineering mathematics.

Safety standards and methods of building construction for commercial, industrial and residential buildings and/or structures.

Research methods and sources of information related to building code enforcement.

Principles and practices of record keeping.

Ability to:

Learn, understand, interpret and apply pertinent laws, codes and regulations of Glenn County, state and federal agencies..

Apply codes and policies regarding zoning, environmental matters and other regulations to field situations.

Apply technical knowledge and follow proper inspection techniques to examine workmanship and materials, and detect deviations from plans, regulations and standard construction practices.

Read and interpret building plans, blueprints, specifications and building codes. Advise

on standard construction methods and requirements for commercial, industrial and residential buildings and/or structures.

Make mathematical calculations rapidly and accurately.

Work independently in the absence of supervision.

Understand and carry out written and oral instructions.

Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Prepare and maintain accurate work records and reports.

These standards are typically attained with one year of related experience including at least twelve units of college or trade school course work that relates directly to the specified standards for this class; or two years of journey level experience in construction work and the building trades, involving work done in conformance to standard building codes, and completion of the 12th grade or equivalent.

LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE:

Possession of a valid California driver's license.

Possession of an ICC certificate relevant to building inspection and/or possession of, or ability to obtain within one year of the date of hire, and maintain, an ICC building inspector certification. In addition to the ICC Building Inspector certification, the incumbent should have the ability to obtain and keep current relevant Building related certifications, such as electrical, mechanical, plumbing, etc. and maintain the additional certifications.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to talk and/or listen to the customer. The employee is occasionally required to stand; walk; sit; use hands to handle or feel objects and materials, as necessary; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 10 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move up to 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and ability to adjust focus.

Some additional physical demands are; to be able to walk on uneven ground or on 1 1/2" joist and narrow beams, extensive driving (up to 100-200 miles per day), walk on roofs, climb scaffolds and ladders, crawl in confined areas 12-inches high, crawl in attics in the summer, and drive (up to 100-200 miles per day).

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly exposed to outdoor weather conditions. The employee is frequently exposed to fumes or airborne particles. The employee is occasionally exposed to moving mechanical parts; high, precarious places; toxic or caustic chemicals; and risk of electrical shock. The noise level in the work environment is usually loud.

The employee will often interact with public who are under extreme stress, and law enforcement officers.