

# Utility Operator I (Water)

## Public Works Department

*Rev. Date: February 28, 2024*

*FLSA Status: Non-Exempt*

*KPERS Status: KPERS Covered Position*

*Supervisor: Senior Utility Operator (Water)*

*Direct Reports: None*



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### ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

#### 40% Water Distribution and Water Production

- Operate power drawn pumps and related machinery.
- Conduct daily checks of operational gauges.
- Operate motor vehicle on a regular basis.
- Observe variations in operating conditions and interpret meter and gauge readings and test results to determine process adjustment requirements.
- Install and maintain all water services.
- Provide connection and disconnection of water services.
- Read water meters and record volume used by customers for billing.
- Sample and analyze water, and/or draw samples to be sent to State for quality and compliance with applicable drinking water standards. Report results to the appropriate parties.
- Investigate and address customer concerns on water use and advise customers on water conservation practices.
- Operate multiple computer applications including utility billing software, digital forms software, SCADA system, and radio read software.
- Operate division and collection system equipment, including backhoe, hydro excavation unit, dump truck, shoring equipment, tapping machines, jet truck, combo truck, televising equipment, and easement machines.
- Cross-train and fill in as needed to assist in water, wastewater or stormwater operations.
- Respond to emergency calls for possible water distribution system or production problems.

#### 40% Asset Maintenance and Repair

- Troubleshoot problems, routinely inspect, and maintain all department equipment, machines, pumps and motors in good working order.

- Maintain utility facilities in a clean and safe condition.
- Conduct minor maintenance tasks and repairs, including general construction, painting, grounds maintenance, metering facility maintenance, water production facilities maintenance, and assist with snow removal as required.
- Collaborate with other divisions to maintain the stormwater sewer system.
- Assist the fire department with the fire hydrant maintenance program.
- Conduct routine maintenance and repair on the water facilities and distributions systems, as required.
- Locate and repair water leaks and maintain water mains, pumping facilities, valves, water storage facilities, and main-to-meter service lines.

## **20% Records and Reports**

- Prepare and maintain proper records, reports, and documents related to the division in an organized manner.
- Participate in and motivate others to adhere to the Public Works Vision and Core Values.

Continually looks for new and improved ways of completing the above functions. Other tasks as assigned will be performed in order to address business needs.

## **POSITION REQUIREMENTS**

**Latitude:** Duties are assigned by supervisor. Most problem-solving is accomplished in conjunction with supervisor. Some decisions not affecting other departments may be made independently. All purchase requests must be approved by supervisor. Regular and reliable attendance at work is expected.

**Interaction:** Frequent interaction with employees throughout the organization and the general public.

## **Qualifications:**

- High School Diploma or equivalent, required.
- One year water treatment/distribution systems experience, preferred.
- Valid Kansas driver's license and driving record must meet commercial liability insurance requirements.
- Valid Kansas commercial driver's license, required within six months of employment.

- Class I KDHE Water Operator certification, required within eighteen months of employment.

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

- General knowledge of mechanics, water testing equipment, water plant maintenance and operation, and minor electrical work.
- General knowledge of computers with the ability to operate and comprehend utility billing software, digital forms software, SCADA system, and radio read software.
- Ability to follow safety policies and procedures.
- Ability to apply intermediate level mathematics skills.
- Ability to operate all division equipment and machinery.
- Ability to read and use blueprints.
- Ability to meet and deal tactfully with the general public and communicate effectively and clearly, both orally and in writing.

**Physical Requirements/Environmental Conditions:** Frequent (75%) exposure to adverse weather conditions, hazardous elements, and dangerous situations. Frequent (40%) carrying, lifting, moving, or pushing of 90 pounds. Occasional climbing in and out of manholes and other confined spaces. Frequent bending, stooping, kneeling, squatting, sitting, standing, walking, climbing stairs, reaching forward and overhead, and twisting. Fine hand coordination, simple hand grasping, and ability to operate controls required. Must be able to wear face masks. Must be available for on-call, overtime, weekends and holidays. Must reside within a 30 minute lawful drive time of City limits.

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EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE

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