

CITY OF MADERA

NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION SPECIALIST III

*Class specifications are only intended to present a descriptive summary of the range of duties and responsibilities associated with specified positions. Therefore, specifications **may not include all** duties performed by individuals within a classification. In addition, specifications are intended to outline the **minimum** qualifications necessary for entry into the class and do not necessarily convey the qualifications of incumbents within the position.*

DEFINITION:

Under general supervision performs the most complex assignments in the inspection of residential dwellings and commercial buildings to identify violations and to cite and enforce provisions of the City Municipal Code and California Health and Safety Code; recommends improvements in neighborhoods with regard to unsafe and substandard buildings; performs other related duties as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

The **Neighborhood Preservation Specialist III** is the advanced journey level class in the Neighborhood Preservation Specialist series and is responsible for performing the full scope of assigned duties. Incumbents are skilled in making complex inspections and enforcing codes and regulations in a broad range of building and related codes. The work requires independence and discretion in working with the public and in conducting field inspections. The incumbent is expected to be able to provide lead direction to lower level staff. This classification differs from the next higher classification of Neighborhood Revitalization Coordinator in that the latter is responsible for overall management of the Code Enforcement and Abatement Division.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED/EXERCISED:

Receives direction from the Neighborhood Revitalization Coordinator. May Exercises technical and functional supervision over lower level code enforcement support staff.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS: *(include but are not limited to the following)*

- Patrols and conducts field inspections of parcels of land, structures, vehicles and stored materials to ensure compliance with applicable City ordinances and state laws; investigates citizen complaints and takes appropriate action; obtains statements from complainants; re-inspects properties to ensure continued compliance.
- Photographs violations; gathers evidence for court proceedings; posts notices relating to required abatements; cites vehicles and coordinates the removal of abandoned and illegally parked vehicles; maintains reports on vehicle towing activities.
- Maintains records and reports related to enforcement activities; composes and types correspondence, reports, forms and specialized documents; enters and retrieves information from automated records systems; operates communications equipment.

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- Responds to the most complex and difficult questions and concerns from the public, departmental staff and other agencies; provides information as appropriate and resolves service issues and complaints; cooperates with neighborhood improvement groups and organizations interested in neighborhood beautification, improvement and clean up.
- Provides technical and professional advice; prepares and coordinates reports and presentations on current code enforcement and abatement issues for City Council, community groups and regulatory agencies; prepares new ordinances and revisions to existing ordinances
- Schedules inspections occasionally in pre-determined residential and/or commercial areas; responds to emergencies involving expedited code enforcement activities.
- Monitors and keeps informed of current trends in the field of abatement and code enforcement, including legislation, court rulings and professional practices and techniques; evaluates their impact and recommends policy and procedural modifications accordingly.
- Establishes positive working relationships with representatives of community organizations, state/local agencies and associations, City management and staff, and the public.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

Position requires sitting, standing, walking on level and slippery surfaces, reaching, twisting, turning, kneeling, bending, stooping, squatting, crouching, grasping, crawling and making repetitive hand movement in the performance of daily duties. The position also requires both near and far vision when inspecting work and operating assigned equipment, and acute hearing is required when providing phone and face-to-face service. The need to lift, carry, pull and push tools, supplies and other equipment weighing 25 pounds or more is also required. Additionally, the incumbent in this position works outdoors in all weather conditions including wet, hot and cold. The position entails working in situations that may expose the employee to fumes or airborne particles, electrical shock or mechanical hazards. The nature of the work also requires the incumbent to climb ladders, use power and noise producing tools and equipment, drive motorized vehicles, work in heavy vehicle traffic conditions and often work with constant interruptions.

QUALIFICATIONS: *(The following are minimal qualifications necessary for entry into the classification)*

Education and/or Experience:

Any combination of education and experience that has provided the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary for a **Neighborhood Preservation Specialist III**. A typical way of obtaining the required qualifications is to possess a minimum of 3 years of experience as a Neighborhood Preservation Specialist II with the City of Madera, and a high school diploma or equivalent.

License/Certificate:

Possession of, or ability to obtain, a valid Class C California driver's license. Completion of PC 832 Laws of Arrest course. Certified Basic and Advanced Code Enforcement Certificates from the Sacramento Training Center. Completion of some coursework in mediation, arbitration and administrative law.

KNOWLEDGE/ABILITIES/SKILLS: *(The following are a representative sample of the KAS's necessary to perform essential duties of the position)*

Knowledge of:

Principles, practices and methods used in the enforcement of a variety of codes; applicable federal, state and local laws, codes and regulations including laws, ordinances and codes related to building construction and zoning; modern office equipment, including a computer and applicable software; methods and techniques for record keeping; occupational hazards and standard safety procedures.

Ability to:

Understand, interpret and apply statutes, rules, regulations and departmental procedures; follow written and oral instructions; take and maintain accurate records of work activities; communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing; establish and maintain effective working relationships.

Skill to:

Operate an office computer and a variety of word processing and software applications.