

KENT COUNTY POSITION DESCRIPTION

Department of Planning Services
Division of Inspections & Enforcement
Classified, GRADE 11
40 Hour Week

BUILDING CODES INSPECTOR II

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Inspects buildings and sites for compliance with building, zoning, housing and property maintenance codes and ordinances; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is journeyman level work inspecting buildings under construction or alteration and property to determine and secure compliance with the municipal building code and zoning and housing ordinances. Work involves the examination and application of standard trade practices to inspection work. Inspections tend to be more complex than those conducted at the Building Codes Inspector I level and are conducted independently, but in accordance with departmental regulations and established technical standards under the direction of the Building Codes Inspector III, Inspections Administrator, or Assistant Director.

ADA REQUIREMENTS: This is light work requiring the exertion of up to 20 pounds of force occasionally, up to 10 pounds of force frequently, and a negligible amount of force constantly to move objects; work requires climbing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, walking, fingering, and grasping; vocal communication is required for expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word; hearing is required to perceive information at normal spoken word levels; visual acuity is required for preparing and analyzing written or computer data, visual inspection involving small defects and/or small parts, use of measuring devices, operation of motor vehicles or equipment, determining the accuracy and thoroughness of work, and observing general surroundings and activities; the worker is subject to inside and outside environmental conditions, and atmospheric conditions.

EXAMPLE OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Perform complex inspections of buildings in the course of construction, alteration, and repair as frequently as necessary for adequacy of foundation, structural safety, and the conformity of the entire structure with approved plans;

Examine plans approved for residential and accessory buildings for permits to see that they conform to applicable building code and zoning ordinances;

Discuss construction, alteration, and repair of building with contractors, property owners, and the public, especially more difficult cases;

Issue "Cease and Desist" notices for building code violations and prepares letter to property owner, contractor, or agent informing them of the violation;

Issue notices for zoning, building, housing and property maintenance code violations and prepare letters to property owners, contractors or agents informing them of violation and method of correcting violations to all codes and ordinances and past precedents;

Provide training, assistance and leadership to newly hired inspectors;

Prepare reports and maintain records of inspections performed covering conditions found, action taken, and recommendations made for further action;

Make special investigations upon specific request, preparing written reports of findings indicating violations found to exist or providing requested specific information under the supervisor's direction; Routinely appear as representative of Kent County before County boards, committees, and commissions and Courts of Law;
Maintain accurate records of mileage and locations inspected in the course of a workday.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES: Comprehensive knowledge of the materials, methods, and practices used in building construction and of stages of construction when possible defects and violations may be most easily observed and corrected; ability to recognize faulty construction or hazardous conditions created by deterioration and to recommend effective corrective measures; ability to read and interpret building construction plans and specifications of buildings and to recognize deviations from such plans in the construction process; ability to enforce codes and regulations firmly, tactfully, and impartially; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with contractors, property owners, representatives from other agencies and the public; ability to express oneself clearly and concisely, orally and in writing; working knowledge of personal computers and pertinent applications; regular and timely attendance; performance of duties in a safe manner.

ACCEPTABLE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING: Completion of standard high school coursework or G.E.D. with eight (8) years experience in general building construction with increasing responsibilities; or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: Must possess or pass ICC Certification Program for modules: B1 – Residential Building Inspector, M1 – Residential Mechanical Inspector, and Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector and State of Delaware Certified Construction Reviewer for Stormwater and Sediment Management within 18 months of hire. Possession and retention of a valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by the State of Delaware. Good driving record required to retain position. All motor vehicle violations shall be reported to supervisor immediately. Must pass testing for substance abuse and criminal background investigation. Direct deposit of pay required.

As building technologies, code requirements, and enforcement procedures and systems change, employee will be required to keep abreast of such changes by improving skills through additional training or evaluation as deemed necessary to remain effective in performance of duties and application of required knowledge, skills, and abilities

Employee Acknowledgment

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