CLASS TITLE: **TREE TRIMMER**

DEFINITION: Under general supervision, performs work of moderate difficulty trimming and maintaining District trees; performs related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES: Maintains all specimens of District trees; performs planned and unscheduled trimming/pruning; may climb trees in the performance of work. Uses manual and power tools, works from the ground, from an aerial bucket, or may climb trees to trim or remove excess, dead or diseased limbs or hazards or to top to improve the appearance of a tree or shrub; remove fallen and dead trees; uses rigging and knots, sharpens chain saws and tools; properly positions vehicles and sets traffic cones and flashers in accordance with established procedures; plans and schedules daily work activities; assists in planning and scheduling tree work. Ensures that safe and efficient work practices and procedures are followed, including those pertaining to the set-up of the work site, the use of equipment, the maintenance and storage of equipment, materials, and tools and the use of personal protective clothing and equipment. Fells trees and removes stumps; drills and bolts trees to prevent splitting; installs cables and other preservation apparatus, applies protective coatings when cuts have been made; keeps records of time and work performed and materials used. Uses standard operating guidelines, aerial bucket truck, dump truck, power chipper, stump remover, chain saws, sprayers, pruning hooks, shears, climbing ropes, pulley, rigging belts and other safety/protective tools and equipment.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

Training and Experience Four years of verifiable experience in the commercial landscape trade; working knowledge and technical familiarity with common shade and ornamental trees and shrub species used in the District; working knowledge of pruning standards, cabling techniques, rigging set up, materials, methods and equipment used in pruning, trimming, maintaining and climbing trees. Ability to use a variety of hand and portable power tools, vehicles, aerial lifts and equipment used in the trimming, care and maintenance of trees; verifiable ability to work skillfully and safely on assignments which include working at considerable heights above the ground.

Knowledge and Skills: Ability to understand and carry out verbal and written instructions; physical strength and endurance; ability to work cooperatively with other employees: ability to perform assigned tasks; knowledge of ANSI and ISA pruning standards.

Licenses and Certificates: Possession of a valid California Driver's License.