

Director of Code Enforcement Tompkins County

Department: Town of Ithaca

Classification: Competitive

Labor Grade: S

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By: AG, Commissioner of Human Resources

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

A. Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in civil engineering, architecture, or a closely related field, **AND** four (4) years of experience in the building design or construction industry, building or housing inspection, code enforcement or a closely related field, **with** at least two (2) years being in a supervisory position, **AND** must hold a current Department of State (DOS) NYS Code Enforcement Official Certification; **OR**

B. Graduation from a regionally accredited or NYS registered college or university with an associate's degree in civil engineering, construction technology, or a closely related field, **AND** six (6) years of experience in the building design or construction industry, building or housing inspection, code enforcement or a closely related field, **with** at least two (2) years being in a supervisory position, **AND** must hold a current Department of State (DOS) NYS Code Enforcement Official Certification; **OR**

C. Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and eight (8) years of experience in the building design or construction industry, building or housing inspection, code enforcement or a closely related field **with** at least two (2) years being in a supervisory capacity, **AND** must hold a current Department of State (DOS) NYS Code Enforcement Official Certification; **OR**

D. Any combination of training and experience equal to or greater than that defined in A, B, or C above.

Tompkins County is Committed to Equity and Inclusion. We encourage those with similar values to apply.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Possession of a current Department of State (DOS) NYS Code Enforcement Official Certification at the time of application and maintained throughout duration of employment, and incumbent must attend and complete the continuing education requirements for certification on an annual basis.

2. Take and subscribe the constitutional oath of office and file such in either the Town or County Clerk's office, before assuming duties.

3. Possess and maintain a valid NYS driver's license and clear driving record throughout appointment.

4. Responsiveness to Town constituents and Town Board during emergencies and highly pressurized circumstances. Must be available for emergency situations.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

This is the chief administrative position responsible for planning, directing and supervising the activities and operations of the Code Enforcement Department. Pursuant to Town of Ithaca Code, the Director is the authorized chief enforcement officer of all the laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, codes and orders applicable to the use of land and the location, design, and demolition of the buildings and structures and their appurtenances located in the Town of Ithaca. Coordination with other town departments regarding development review and approvals, compliance and other related matters is essential. Work is performed in accordance with the policies of the Town Board, under the supervision of the Town Supervisor. There is considerable exercise of independent judgment and autonomy in carrying out details of the work. Supervision is exercised over the work of all department staff. Attendance at night meetings required. The incumbent will perform all related duties as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- Directs the daily operations of the department;
- Assigns, reviews and evaluates the work of principal subordinate staff, including hiring, firing, training, and disciplining staff;
- Prepares and monitors department budget in accordance with Town Board guidelines;
- Enforces the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, NYS multiple residence law, and other codes, ordinances, and regulations relating to construction, occupancy and land use in the Town;
- Explains the requirements of all related laws, ordinances, codes and regulations to contractors, architects, engineers, lawyers, real estate agents and the general public;
- Receives and handles public comments, concerns and issues regarding code enforcement;
- Serves as the general administrator to the Zoning Board of Appeals: prepares public hearing notices, processes ZBA applications, and interprets the Town Code;
- Supervises the issuances of building permits, certificates of occupancy, operating permits, sign permits, stop work orders and other similar permits as determined by town or other code;
- Serves as the permit authority under NYS Penal Law for the public display of fire works;
- Serves as compliance officer for Americans with Disability Act laws and certain NYS safety regulations;
- Supervises the inspections of buildings in the process of construction to ascertain that code requirements are met;
- Supervises the inspections of residential and nonresidential occupancies with regard to fire safety and property maintenance regulations;
- Orders corrections, improvements and alterations as needed;
- Issues notices to owners and builders of improper, hazardous or unlawful structures;
- Issues court appearance tickets for violations regarding the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, NYS Multiple Residence Law, and other codes, ordinances, and regulations relating to construction, occupancy and land use in the Town;
- Enforces applicable regulations for structures damaged by fires;
- Attends meetings and provides support to other town boards and committees;
- Meets regularly with Engineering and Planning staff to coordinate development reviews, compliances with Planning Board conditions, site plan and subdivisions, relating to approved development projects, code issues, storm water management and other matters of common concern;
- Serves as the liaison for the Town to the City of Ithaca Fire Department and Cayuga Heights Fire Department with regard to coordinated efforts, fire occurrences and hazardous materials incidents;
- Investigates complaints and assists in prosecuting cases of code violation;
- Maintains records and issues reports of building and inspection activities;
- Formulates and implements departmental policies and procedures, in accordance with overall Town policies and procedures;

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

- Thorough knowledge of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, New York State Multiple Residence Law, New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, Town of Ithaca Code, all related local laws and NYS zoning and land use laws;
- Thorough knowledge of modern practices, principles, and materials used in building construction;
- Working knowledge of governmental organization and budgetary procedures;
- Knowledge of the laws and practices regulating the enforcement of municipal laws;
- Ability to supervise and direct the work of others;
- Ability to read and interpret building plans and specification;
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other town staff, public officials, contractors, engineers, architects, lawyers and the general public;
- Ability to be firm, tactful, courteous and use good judgment;
- Ability to maintain confidentiality;
- Ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing;
- Ability to use personal computers;
- Ability to prepare operating budgets;
- The employee's physical and mental condition shall be commensurate with the demands of the position.