

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER –4051

GENERAL DEFINITION AND CONDITIONS OF WORK:

Performs intermediate semiskilled work in the enforcement of ordinances regulating the keeping of animals within the city; does related work as required. Work is performed under regular supervision.

This is medium work requiring the exertion of 50 pounds of force occasionally, up to 30 pounds of force frequently, and up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects; work requires climbing, stooping, crouching, reaching, standing, walking, pulling, lifting, 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, operation of machines, 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, noise, vibration, hazards, and atmospheric conditions. The worker may be exposed to bloodborne pathogens and may be required to wear specialized personal protective equipment.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS/TYPICAL TASKS:

Patrolling to observe animal law violations; enforcing animal control laws; preparing and maintaining appropriate records and files.

Responds to calls and investigates complaints

Patrols streets to locate stray animals and observes for violations of ordinances;

Takes into custody and impounds stray, injured, or mistreated animals; transports animal to shelter;

Enforces animal control and rabies control laws;

Issues appropriate criminal summons or warrants for violations;

Appears in court as required;

Performs grounds maintenance duties at police complex and firing range;

Responds to emergency calls after hours everyday and weekend;

Performs related tasks as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

General knowledge of the laws, ordinances, and regulations governing the control of dogs and the protection of livestock and fowl; general knowledge of the geography of the city; general knowledge of the control and handling of dogs and other animals; ability to recognize rabies symptoms and some knowledge of the methods and procedures to be followed; ability to deal tactfully with the public.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from high school and some experience involving the care of animals.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Possession of an appropriate driver's license valid in the State of North Carolina.