

# City of Independence

111 EAST MAPLE P.O. BOX 1019 \* INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI 64051-0519 \* (816) 325-7000  
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

## **POSITION** **Fire Inspector**

**MONTHLY RATE**  
**\$4,088.16**

Under general supervision, performs inspections, plan review, presents public education and enforcement work in promoting fire safety through the application of the fire codes to a variety of commercial and residential buildings and fire safety standards. Inspects commercial, industrial, residential and institutional buildings for existing or potential fire hazards and to insure compliance with the current adopted Fire, NFPA and City codes for life and property safety. Inspects structures prior to the issue of an occupancy permit and/or occupational license to determine whether the structure meets all fire code requirements. Evaluates plans and specifications of new or existing buildings for compliance with the current adopted Fire Code. Advises and instructs owners and occupants of buildings in the removal of fire hazards, fire prevention methods, and makes recommendations for reducing potential hazards. Follows-up on complaints received from citizens and departments within the City. Monitors the underground storage tank program by maintaining up-to-date records of all underground tank activities and conducting on-site inspections. Compiles data on companies that use, store, or dispense chemicals by conducting onsite inspection of the business to determine if the chemicals or materials on the premises are hazardous. Examines preliminary plats and proposals from zoning that involves new subdivisions, rezoning, and any new developments. Conducts burn permit inspections by driving to the burn location and ensuring all applicable codes are met. Conducts fire prevention educational seminars and demonstrates use of various types of fire extinguishers and equipment. Conducts fire scene investigations. Researches and prepares reports for cases that may be presented to the courts, variance boards or other committees; provides expert testimony in court specific to the nature of fire behavior and cause and origin of fires. Code enforcement up to and including issuance of fire lane tickets, general ordinance summons or red tagging a structure as dangerous or unsafe. Performs special assignments as requested.

**Minimum Qualifications:** High School diploma or GED; and two to four years of progressively responsible related experience; or any combination of education, training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the essential functions of the job. Must have the following licenses and certifications: Valid Driver's License, State Certified Firefighter, EMT License, and State Certified Fire Inspector (internal bargaining unit members must obtain within six (6) months to one (1) year of being placed in position). Must complete required NIMS level training within first six months of hire. Must be knowledgeable in modern methods and practices of fire investigation and identification; geography of the community and the location of major buildings; international Fire codes and City ordinances, International Building codes and NFPA Fire codes; diagramming the fire scene; characteristics of various types of explosives and how to distinguish them from other types of damage; computer applications related to the work; record keeping, report preparation, filing methods and records management techniques; correct English usage, including spelling, grammar, punctuation, and vocabulary. Must have skill in using tact, discretion, initiative and independent judgment within established guidelines; organizing work, setting priorities, meeting critical deadlines, and following up assignments with a minimum of direction, and using a camera. Must have ability to give close attention to detail and accuracy; to read and understand blueprints; to obtain information through interviews, interrogations and observation; to speak effectively before public groups and respond to questions; to write reports, correspondence, and procedure manuals; and to work with mathematical concepts such as probability and statistical inference. **Physical Demands:** Frequently required to stand, walk, sit, use hands to finger, handle, or feel, reach with hands and arms, climb or balance, stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl, talk or hear, and lift and/or move up to 10 pounds. Occasionally required to lift and/or move up to 50 pounds. **Working Conditions:** Frequently exposed to wet or humid conditions, outdoor weather conditions, work near moving mechanical parts, work in high precarious places, fumes or airborne particles, risk or electrical shock, and work with explosives.

IAFF Bargaining Unit Position.

Background Check: Drug testing

In addition to the application, testing and/or examinations may be required for further consideration on this position.

**You may apply online at [www.indepmo.org/hr](http://www.indepmo.org/hr) or in the Human Resources Department, City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 111 E. Maple, Independence, MO 64050. Position closes August 25, 2015.**

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