



City of Irving Job Description

Environmental Health Inspector

FLSA Status:	Non-Exempt	Job Department:	Inspections
Job Code:	05312	Reports To (Job Title):	Chief Environmental Health Inspector

PURPOSE

Support the city Strategic Plan’s “Enhance Health Inspections Program” action and protect the citizens of Irving by minimizing the risks to health and safety through education, inspections, and legal actions; enforce the food, swimming pool, commercial childcare, registered family home, smoking, and nursing home ordinances and responding to health-related complaints.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily.*

- Inspect food establishments, temporary food events, commercial childcare, nursing homes, smoking enforcement, and swimming pool facilities. Reduce public health risks through enforcement of city, state, and federal codes and regulations.
- Respond to questions and complaints from the public, City staff, owners/managers/employees of health establishments, and other interested persons regarding public health concerns.
- Issues citations and negotiate solutions for compliance; testify in municipal court.
- Recommend ordinance revisions and additions.
- Conduct health training classes.
- Assist with special projects, including performing research, preparing reports, and conducting surveys.
- Maintain accurate written records of inspections made and complaints investigated. Prepare notifications, reports, and other documents.

OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Enforce zoning, dumpster, and sign ordinances as requested.
- Enforce registration requirement for shopping cart ordinance.
- Enforce quarterly sales reporting for restaurants with alcohol beverage sales.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

Supervisory responsibility is not a regular part of the position.

FINANCIAL / BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITY

None

QUALIFICATIONS:

The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required.*

EDUCATION

- Bachelor's degree in Science, Environmental Health or related field.

EXPERIENCE

- Two (2) years of related experience.

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS

- Appropriate valid Texas driver's license, or the ability to obtain one, is required.
- Texas Department of State Health Services Professional Sanitation License.
- National Swimming Pool Foundation Certified Pool Operator Certification.
- Texas Department of State Health Services Registered Code Enforcement Officer License.

KNOWLEDGE OF

- Epidemiology, Biology, Microbiology, Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points and applied math.
- Codes: In depth comprehension of all codes and regulations of city, state and federal agencies for food establishments, commercial childcare centers, registered family homes, swimming pools/spas, nursing homes and smoking enforcement.
- Field Inspections: Techniques and principles involved in conducting health and zoning related inspections.
- Creative Problem-Solving / Teaching: How to seek alternative solutions *within* the parameters of Code and Ordinance requirements, as well as how to instruct and educate customers on how they can attain their desired end results while remaining compliant.
- Record Keeping: Principles and practices for collection and recording of information for use in report presentations, open records, data recovery, and legal testimony.
- Customer Service: Principles and processes for providing customer and personal services including a desire to help customers regardless of their circumstance.

SKILLS AND ABILITIES IN

- Accuracy: Paying attention to detail in dealing with numbers, words, and ideas.
- Complex Problem Solving: Identifying problems and reviewing related information to develop and evaluate options and implement solutions.
- Critical Thinking: Using logic and analysis to identify the strengths and weaknesses of different approaches.
- Written and Oral Expression: Communicating information and ideas in writing, as well as through speech, so others will understand.
- Interactive Presentation: Effectively presenting information to groups & responding to questions.
- Composure under Duress: Remaining composed and making sound decisions during stressful or sensitive circumstances.

GUIDANCE RECEIVED

General Instructions and Established Precedent/Procedures

Follows general supervisory instructions, as well as policies and precedents open to judgment in some areas and more specific guidelines, policies and procedures in others. Based on knowledge of policies, precedents and procedures, may assist others with standard work methods and problems.

CONTACTS

Interacts with owners/managers/employees of health establishments, contractors, engineers, Texas Department of State Health Services, Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Food and Drug Administration, Dallas County Health Department, Irving Convention Center, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, residents, visitors, businesses, and other area city health divisions.

EQUIPMENT AND PROPERTY

Thermocouple, light meter, pool test kit, chlorine test papers, quaternary ammonia test strips, digital camera, computer, fax machine, Xerox machine, motor vehicle, scanner, printer, 2-way radio, and city wide/departmental specific software applications.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.*

The employee constantly is required to listen and see. Frequently, s/he is required to balance, carry, drive a vehicle, grasp, handle, feel, kneel, lift up to 10 pounds, pull, push, reach, sit, smell, stand, talk, and/or walk. In rare instances, the employee must crawl.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job.*

The employee frequently is exposed to confining work spaces, dirty environments, electrical hazards, extreme temperatures or weather conditions, air contamination, improper illumination, moving mechanical parts, noise and/or toxic or caustic materials. On rare occasions the employee may be exposed to violence. The noise level in the work environment usually is moderate. This job requires the employee to make decisions directly affecting the safety of others.

* Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Note: A class specification is a general listing of duties, responsibilities, knowledge, skills, and abilities required of an incumbent assigned to a particular class of work. There may be one or multiple positions assigned to a single classification; therefore, the class specification lists those work attributes that are common to every incumbent in the class.