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FLSA: Exempt

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – PLANNING AND WASTEWATER

DEFINITION

Under administrative direction, plans, organizes, manages, and provides administrative direction and oversight for Planning, Solid Waste, and Wastewater functions and activities of the Community Development Department including short- and long-term planning, land use, zoning, and wastewater; formulates departmental policies, goals, and directives; coordinates assigned activities with other Town departments, officials, outside agencies, and the public; fosters cooperative working relationships among Town departments and with intergovernmental and regulatory agencies, and various public and private groups; provides highly responsible and complex professional assistance to the Town Manager in areas of expertise; and performs related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives administrative direction from the Town Manager. Exercises direct supervision over management, supervisory, professional, technical, and administrative support staff through subordinate levels of supervision.

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS

This is a department director classification administers, directs, and participates in activities of the Community Development Department, including short- and long-term planning, land use, zoning, solid waste, and wastewater as well as development and administration of departmental policies, procedures, and services. This class aids the Town Manager in a variety of administrative, coordinative, analytical, and liaison capacities. Successful performance of the work requires knowledge of public policy, Town functions and activities, including the roles of the Town Council and Planning Commission, and the ability to develop, and implement projects and programs in a variety of areas. Responsibilities include coordinating the activities of the department with those of other departments and outside agencies and managing and the complex and varied functions of the department. The incumbent is accountable for accomplishing departmental planning and operational goals and objectives, and for furthering Town goals and objectives within general policy guidelines.

EXAMPLES OF TYPICAL JOB FUNCTIONS (Illustrative Only)

Management reserves the right to add, modify, change, or rescind the work assignments of different positions and to make reasonable accommodations so that qualified employees can perform the essential functions of the job.

- Assumes management responsibility for Community Development Department programs, services, and activities including short- and long-term planning, land use, zoning, solid waste and wastewater.
- Develops, directs, and coordinates the implementation of goals, objectives, policies, procedures, and work standards for the department; establishes, within Town policy, appropriate budget, service, and staffing levels.
- Manages and participates in the development and administration of the department's budget; directs the forecast of additional funds needed for staffing, equipment, and supplies; directs the monitoring of and approves expenditures; directs and implements budgetary adjustments as necessary.
- Selects, trains, motivates, and directs Department personnel; evaluates and reviews work for acceptability and conformance with department standards, including program and project priorities and

- performance evaluations; works with employees to correct deficiencies; implements discipline and termination procedures; responds to staff questions and concerns.
- Contributes to the overall quality of the department’s service by developing, reviewing, and implementing policies and procedures to meet legal requirements and Town needs; continuously monitors and evaluates the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery methods and procedures; assesses and monitors the distribution of work, support systems, and internal reporting relationships; identifies opportunities for improvement; directs the implementation of change.
 - Monitors legal, regulatory, technology, and societal changes and court decisions that may affect the work of the department; determines equipment acquisition, training programs, and procedural changes to ensure retention of qualified staff and the provision of services to the community in an effective, efficient, and economical manner.
 - Administers the development of consultant requests for proposals for professional services and the advertising and bid processes; evaluates proposals and recommends project award; coordinates with legal counsel to determine Town needs and requirements for contractual services; negotiates contracts and agreements and administers same after award.
 - Provides technical information on municipal codes, inspection and permitting processes, and guidelines to property owners, contractors, developers, architects, engineers, other Town staff, and the general public.
 - Develops and recommends amendments and revisions to the Design Guidelines, General Plan, Municipal Code, and permitting/project approval process.
 - Represents the department to other Town departments, elected officials, and outside agencies; explains and interprets departmental programs, policies, and activities; negotiates and resolves significant and controversial issues.
 - Participates in meetings and makes presentations to the Town Council and a wide variety of committees, boards, and commissions including the Planning Commission.
 - Attends and participates in professional group meetings; stays abreast of new trends and innovations in the fields of planning and wastewater.
 - Directs the maintenance of working and official departmental files.
 - Prepares, reviews, and presents staff reports, various management and information updates, and reports on special projects as assigned by the Town Manager.
 - Responds to public inquiries and complaints and assists with resolutions and alternative recommendations.
 - Performs related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Administrative principles and practices, including goal setting, program development, implementation, and evaluation, and supervision of staff, either directly or through subordinate levels of supervision.
- Principles and practices of leadership.
- Principles and practices of budget administration and contract management.
- General principles of risk management related to the functions of the assigned area.
- Principles, practices, and procedures of public administration in a municipal setting.
- Functions, authority, responsibilities, and limitations of an elected Town Council.
- Technical, legal, financial, and public relations problems associated with the management of planning programs.
- Applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and organizational policies and procedures relevant to assigned area of responsibility.
- Principles and practices of current and long-range planning.

- Theories, principles, and contents of rules and regulations, codes, and ordinances governing departmental operations, including, but not limited to the General Plan, land use, zoning, subdivision, and urban planning regulations, and environmental laws.
- Methods and techniques of developing technical and administrative reports and business correspondence.
- Techniques for providing a high level of customer service by effectively dealing with the public, vendors, contractors, and Town staff.
- The structure and content of the English language, including the meaning and spelling of words, rules of composition, and grammar.
- Modern equipment and communication tools used for business functions and program, project, and task coordination, including computers and software programs relevant to work performed.
- Computers and software programs (e.g., Microsoft software packages) to conduct, compile, and/or generate documentation.

Ability to:

- Develop and implement goals, objectives, practices, policies, procedures, and work standards.
- Provide administrative and professional leadership for the department.
- Prepare and administer large and complex budgets; allocate limited resources in a cost-effective manner.
- Interpret, apply, explain, and ensure compliance with federal, state, and local policies, procedures, laws, and regulations.
- Plan, organize, direct, and coordinate the work of management, supervisory, professional, and technical personnel; delegate authority and responsibility.
- Select and supervise staff, provide training and development opportunities, ensure work is performed effectively, and evaluate performance in an objective and positive manner.
- Research, analyze, and evaluate new service delivery methods, procedures, and techniques.
- Effectively administer programs and projects with contractual agreements and ensure compliance with contractual obligations.
- Effectively represent the Town and the department in meetings with governmental agencies, contractors, vendors, and various businesses, professional, regulatory, and legislative organizations.
- Prepare clear and concise reports, correspondence, policies, procedures, and other written materials.
- Conduct complex research projects, evaluate alternatives, make sound recommendations, and prepare effective technical staff reports.
- Direct the establishment of filing, record keeping, and tracking systems.
- Effectively use computer systems, software applications, and modern business equipment to perform a variety of work tasks.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing, using appropriate English grammar and syntax.
- Use tact, initiative, prudence, and independent judgment within general policy, procedural, and legal guidelines.
- Establish, maintain, and foster positive and effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Education and Experience:

Any combination of training and experience that would provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required qualifications would be:

Equivalent to a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major coursework in land-use planning, urban planning, landscape architecture, business or public administration, or related field and five (5) years progressively responsible management experience in municipal planning, community development, or related field.

Licenses and Certifications:

➤ None.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Must possess mobility to work in a standard office setting and use standard office equipment, including a computer and to operate a motor vehicle and to visit various Town and meeting sites; vision to read printed materials and a computer screen; and hearing and speech to communicate in person, before groups, and over the telephone. This is primarily a sedentary office classification although standing and walking between work areas may be required. Finger dexterity is needed to access, enter, and retrieve data using a computer keyboard or calculator and to operate standard office equipment. Positions in this classification occasionally bend, stoop, kneel, reach, push, and pull drawers open and closed to retrieve and file information. Employees must possess the ability to lift, carry, push, and pull materials and objects up to 15 pounds with the use of proper equipment.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Employees work in an office environment with moderate noise levels, controlled temperature conditions, and no direct exposure to hazardous physical substances. May interact with upset staff and/or public and private representatives, and contractors in interpreting and enforcing departmental policies and procedures.