ENGINEER II

DEFINITION OF CLASS:
This is developmental level professional engineering work. Contacts are with engineers, contractors, consultants, the general public, and related County personnel to explain procedures and requirements, advise on policies and necessary actions, and plan and coordinate processes and operations. Public service in this class is limited to the provision of information and guidance incidental to the primary purpose of the job.

Employees in this class perform assignments requiring the use of a wide range of engineering principles and practices specific to their assigned area. Incumbents are assigned work with defined objectives, priorities, and deadlines. Employees plan and carry out the assignments in accordance with instructions, policies, and accepted engineering practices. Work is usually reviewed for technical soundness, appropriateness and conformity to policy. Guidelines, including industry standards, local and national codes, regulations, and statutes, are normally available but do not cover all situations encountered in the work. The work involves a variety of processes and methods, and requires analysis of conditions and elements such as in the review and analysis of construction plans, property plats, traffic patterns, signalization designs, and telecommunications plans that will enter into further processes. The scope of the work involves performing projects associated with larger engineering projects or programs affecting County wide services, structures, and facilities such as highway systems, capital construction, and facility maintenance. The work requires employees to visit sites to make field investigations, conduct surveys, and/or observe and/or inspect construction. Hazards include those requiring the use of hard hats, eye protection, and reflective vests worn when working in moving traffic. Physical effort involves occasional standing for long periods and/or walking over rough and uneven constructions sites, and occasional stooping, bending, reaching and climbing at construction sites.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES: (Illustrative Only)
Depending on area of assignment:
• Prepares engineering designs for projects of varying size and complexity.
• Reviews plans submitted by developers and other public and/or private organizations to determine if the plans and projects meet required laws, regulations and ordinances.
• Reviews plans submitted by Architectural and Engineering (A&E) firms to determine if they meet design requirements, and for cost and compatibility with County standards and guides.
• Performs field investigations, including land surveys, to collect and analyze data regarding engineering proposals, and conducts analyses, research and other studies to determine feasibility and costs of such proposals.
• Performs project management work, taking projects from conception through design to construction and final acceptance: Works with A&E firms in developing and finalizing designs; participates in letting projects for bid; monitors work of contractors engaged in constructing engineering projects; visits sites to observe work and to inspect (or have inspected) materials used in construction; confers with
contractors regarding schedules, safety measures, site problems, and delays; reviews requests for changes and other paperwork, prepares project reports and maintains project records and files.

- May assist in preparing formal bid documents for engineering projects; compiles and assembles bid information including plans and drawings, specifications, and contract provisions. May participate in contract administration by reviewing invoices for payment and processing related contract documents.
- Conducts environmental studies of proposed development/construction to determine effects of such development on groundwater resources and other aspects of the environment.
- May advise the public and others regarding engineering policies and requirements for construction and assist such persons on such matters as regulatory compliance, County policies and procedures.
- Initiates correspondence and other communications with developers, designers, contractors, property owners, other governmental agencies and the general public in response to requests for information, to explain legal/regulatory requirements, or to provide technical assistance.
- As assigned, participates in meetings, work groups and task forces formed to deal with engineering related projects and issues; compiles information and conducts research for such activities and participates in discussions, presentations and report writing resulting from such activities.
- Attends public hearings to present and defend proposals; attends community/neighborhood organization meetings to explain Department policies and programs, and to respond complaints and requests for service.
- Confers with developers, A&E staff, contractors and their representatives regarding issues arising in the course of planning and completing projects.
- Performs related work as required.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:**

- Knowledge of and the ability to apply modern principles and practices of engineering to which the position is assigned.
- Knowledge of applicable codes, statutes, and regulations related to the assigned engineering field.
- Knowledge of computer engineering applications and models.
- Ability to work with coworkers and County employees to interpret requirements and discuss problems to obtain agreements.
- Ability to prepare written reports, contract documentation, records of unit activities, and correspondence.
- Ability to conduct field investigations and inspections in environmental conditions that present moderate discomforts and risks.
- Ability to attend meetings or perform other assignments at locations outside the office.
- Depending on the area of assignment, some positions may require the ability to pass a criminal background check.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Experience:** One (1) year of experience in an engineering field appropriate to the assigned position.

**Education:** Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in engineering or a related discipline appropriate to the assigned position. Registration as a Professional Engineer may substitute for the degree.

**Equivalency:** An equivalent combination of education and experience may be substituted, provided such combination includes at least sixty (60) accredited semester hours (or an equivalent amount of accredited professional training) in engineering or related courses appropriate to the assigned position.
LICENSE:
• Some positions may require possession and maintenance at all times of a valid Class "C" (or equivalent) driver’s license from the applicant's state of residence or the ability to perform work at locations outside of the office.

PROBATIONARY PERIOD:
Individuals appointed to this class will be required to serve a probationary period of six (6) months, during which time performance will be carefully evaluated. Continuation in this class will be contingent upon successful completion of the probationary period.

MEDICAL EXAM PROTOCOL: Limited Core Exam.

Note: Engineer positions assigned to the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service as “Fire Protection Engineers” require a Core Exam with a Drug/Alcohol Screen. Call OMS for clarification when assignment known.

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