

## CHIEF CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR

### **PURPOSE AND NATURE OF WORK**

This class encompasses four positions, responsible for air conditioning inspection, building inspection, electrical inspection or plumbing inspection, respectively. The incumbents of this class perform or assist in difficult and complex inspections, and advise subordinates on difficult or unusual cases. Incumbents supervise Construction Inspectors and work under the supervision of the Building Official.

**ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK** (Note: These examples are intended only to illustrate the various types of work performed by incumbents in this class. All of the duties performed by any one incumbent may not be listed, nor does any incumbent necessarily perform all of these duties.)

Reviews and checks blueprints, plans and sketches prior to issuance of building permits for proposed construction, plumbing installation, electrical installation or air conditioning installation. Discusses necessary modifications to plans with engineers, contractors, builders and homeowners. Plans, assigns and supervises the work of lower level subordinates inspecting buildings and installations at various phases of construction, alteration and repair; gives advice and assistance as needed on difficult and unusual cases. Conducts difficult or complex inspections. Ensures that all workers on a job are qualified and licensed, and reports violations to appropriate authority. Confers with contractors, engineers, property owners and other interested parties to explain and interpret codes and regulations. Makes field inspections of dilapidated buildings and orders condemnation when necessary; performs inspections during and after demolition. Prepares and maintains necessary records and reports. Performs related work as required.

### **NECESSARY KNOWLEDGES, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS**

Thorough knowledge of the materials, methods and practices related to the construction, repair and alteration of new and existing structures.

Thorough knowledge of possible defects and flaws in construction, and of effective corrective measures.

Thorough knowledge of the applicable codes and regulations governing construction, alteration and repair.

Ability to detect and locate defective installations.

Ability to read and interpret construction plans, specifications and blueprints, and to recognize deviations from such plans in the construction process.

Ability to explain, interpret and enforce codes and regulations firmly, tactfully and impartially.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with subordinates, government officials, contractors, property owners and the general public.

Ability to present ideas effectively, both orally and in writing.

### **DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE**

Graduation from a standard high school, certification in inspection and plan examination, and considerable experience in building inspection, mechanical inspection, electrical inspection or plumbing inspection, depending on area of assignment; or any equivalent combination for training and experience.

### **NECESSARY SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS**

Certification as a Building Codes Enforcement Officer as required by the State of Louisiana within the time frame stipulated by the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council.