



CITY OF PALO ALTO  
invites applications for the position of:  
**Utility Compliance  
Technician**

**SALARY:** \$61.67 - \$75.69 Hourly  
\$10,689.47 - \$13,119.60 Monthly  
\$128,273.60 - \$157,435.20 Annually

**OPENING DATE:** 12/16/20

**CLOSING DATE:** 02/14/21 11:59 PM

**DESCRIPTION:**



**The Department**

Palo Alto is the only city in California that offers a full array of utility services to its citizens and businesses. Because of this, the City has a unique opportunity to partner with the Palo Alto community to enjoy the benefits and achievements of reliable, home-grown, and environmentally-focused utilities. Palo Alto has a tradition of over 100 years of successful public utility operations. It is a tradition that continues to provide the Palo Alto community with safe and reliable utilities service, local decision-making over policies, utility rate-making, environmental programs, and customized services.

**The Position**

Under the guidance and direction of the Utilities Supervisor and Compliance Technician Lead, this position conducts routine overhead and underground line patrols to ensure compliance with General Orders 95 and 128 of the State of California. Additional responsibilities are to verify the tree trimming program, conduct line patrols during outages, maintain databases for our infrastructure and report findings to the appropriate personnel for corrective action. This position will also conduct all required Safety and Service Reliability overhead and underground inspections as directed.

**Ideal Candidate**

The ideal candidate will have completed an apprenticeship as an Electrical Lineperson with a minimum of 5 years of experience working with Electric Overhead and Underground Distribution systems. The successful candidate must have full knowledge of the State of California's General Order's 95, 128, & 165 rules for construction and maintenance of overhead and underground electric supply systems as well as knowledge of the State of California Safety Title 8 rules and regulations. The ideal candidate will be reliable, adaptable, and diligent in working towards achieving the goals and priorities of the department.

The City offers a range of benefits including a retirement plan so make sure to visit our benefits portal [here](#).

This position is part of the Service Employees' International Union (SEIU)

## **ESSENTIAL DUTIES:**

Essential and other important responsibilities and duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Ensures compliance with General Orders 95 for Overhead Construction through scheduled line patrols.
- Ensures compliance with General Orders 128 for underground construction through scheduled line patrols.
- Maintains an accurate, up-to-date database of all infractions or deviations found during line patrols.
- Makes recommendations to Supervisor and/or Engineering for making improvements to the infrastructure.
- Makes minor repairs in the field during line patrols, such as installing guy markers, date nails, pole numbers, ground wire moldings, installing bolts for box lids, viability strips, etc.
- Immediately reports hazardous conditions to Supervisor or to the Utilities System Dispatcher.

To see the full job description click [here](#).

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Sufficient education, training and/or work experience to demonstrate possession of the following knowledge, skills, and abilities which would typically be acquired through:

### **Compliance Technician:**

- Equivalent to completion of the twelfth grade.
- Completion of an apprenticeship as an Electrical Lineperson with 5 years of journeyman Electric Lineperson experience.
- Possession of a valid California Driver's License

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**MISSION: The Government of the City of Palo Alto exists to promote and sustain a superior quality of life in Palo Alto. In partnership with the community, our goal is to deliver cost-effective services in a personal, responsive and innovative manner.**

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**Application Deadline:** Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply promptly: The City of Palo Alto reserves the right to close any recruitment without notice. Positions without a closing date may close at any time. Other recruitments may be limited to a specific number of applicants. Please read job announcements thoroughly for important information.

**Selection Process:** Application screening will be part of the selection process. Based on application screening, those candidates with the most relevant qualifications will be invited to an oral interview, which may include a written exam and/or practical exam.

**Accommodation:** Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations may contact the Human Resources Department at 650 329-2376.

**Resumes:** are welcome as attachments; however they are not accepted in lieu of a complete City application.

The City of Palo Alto is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, gender, age, national origin or disability.

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To Apply visit our website at [www.cityofpaloalto.org](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org)

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Position #202000173  
UTILITY COMPLIANCE TECHNICIAN  
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### Utility Compliance Technician Supplemental Questionnaire

- \* 1. Do you have the equivalent to completion of the twelfth grade?  
 Yes    No
  
- \* 2. Have you completed an Electrical Lineperson apprenticeship program?  
 Yes    No
  
- \* 3. Do you have a minimum of 5 years of full-time journeyman Electrical lineperson experience?  
 Yes    No
  
- \* 4. Tell us about your experience with rating/evaluating overhead and underground electric systems?
  
- \* 5. What type of databases or software have you worked with on a regular basis and what is your proficiency level based on Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced for each that you list?
  
- \* 6. Which of the following best describes your years of experience in project management and electric operations?
  - No Experience
  - 1 - 3 years
  - 3 - 5 years
  - 5 -7 years
  - 7+ years
  
- \* Required Question