

ACCOUNTING CLERK I

Department: Accounting
Division: N/A
Appointing Authority: City Accountant

Grade: 8
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Bargaining Unit: C

Definition:

Responsible for a full range of financial record keeping transactions including accounts payable, accounts receivable; prepares, processes, maintains and verifies purchasing, financial, budgeting and accounting documents and records, all other work that is logical to the position.

Supervision:

Works independently under the supervision of the City Accountant or designee. Performs no supervisory duties. Works collaboratively with City departments as necessary in the processing of departmental bills.

Environment:

Duties are performed under typical office conditions. Operates computers, calculators and other standard office equipment. Noise levels are usually quiet to moderate.

Has frequent contact with employees, City departments, State agencies, outside vendors.

May have access to confidential records subject to non-disclosure or limited disclosure pursuant to statutory prescript.

Performs varied and responsible departmental functions requiring independent judgment to ensure compliance with applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant(s) compliance as well as departmental policies, procedures and methods.

Errors in duties or performance may cause an adverse impact on employee morale or public opinion; confusion and delay, lower standards of service for the City, or may cause legal or financial repercussions.

Essential Functions: (The essential functions or duties listed below are intended only as illustration of the various types of work that may be performed and are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of the job. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.)

Review and enter vendor invoices and related documentation to confirm authorization and adherence with Federal and State laws and City policies and procedures, for accuracy and budget balance. Prepare weekly warrant register.

Review and classify documents for proper accounting documentation to confirm authorization; and code information according to established procedure.

Provide billing, payment, and other accounting information to customers, vendors, City personnel, and others.

Maintain vendor and invoice files; obtain W-9 from vendors as needed. Prepare year end processing of 1099's.

Assist with preparing, reviewing and verifying purchase orders; maintain purchase order file.

Post, verify, and balance various accounts; gather, sort, and research records and files to provide factual data, and trace discrepancies to reconcile accounts.

Serves as backup to the Payroll / Personnel Clerk in his/her absence. Review, verify, and process employee time reports; calculate and process monthly group insurance billings and other payroll deductions; assist in preparation of payroll register, payments, and handwritten checks, and process related reports.

Collect, sort, and distribute incoming and outgoing mail and various accounting reports and documents.

Build and maintain positive working relationships with co-workers, other City employees and the public using principles of good customer service.

Other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications:

Education and Experience: High School or G.E.D. diploma, Associate's degree in business, accounting, office or related field preferred. Three years of office experience preferably in a municipal environment in accounting practices, bookkeeping, financial transaction record keeping and automated office systems and procedures required; specialized DOR course work preferred; or, any equivalent combination of education and experience that enables performance of all aspects of the position.

Knowledge, Ability and Skill:

Knowledge of basic principles and practices of accounting; arithmetic and basic mathematical calculations, including decimals and percentages; process, balance, and adjust a variety of fiscal transactions and accounting data.

Thorough working knowledge of or ability to learn and understand municipal departmental functions, operations and procedures regarding municipal accounts payable processing, accounting maintenance, standard filing, indexing, and cross-referencing; basic City budget practices; automated payment systems and operations, generally accepted accounting principles; use and operation of standard office equipment; ability to operate a personal computer in a windows environment with proficiency in MS Office and G-Suite required; familiarity with MUNIS and other database programs, computer hardware and software applications.

Intermittently review and proof documents related to department operations; observe, identify and problem solve office operations and procedures; and learn to understand and explain department policies and procedures.

Learn policies and procedures applicable to the processing and maintenance of accounting data.

Ability to perform a variety of clerical accounting and statistical functions in databases; perform detailed clerical work with speed and accuracy for successful job performance.

Physical Requirements:

Minimal physical effort required under typical office conditions include sitting for long periods of time, talking, walking and mental concentration for extended periods; intermittent moderate effort required for tasks such as moving files, twist and reach files or office equipment, bend, squat, kneel. Position requires the ability to write and operate a keyboard, communicate through written menus, view computer screens for an extended period of time and the ability to adjust focus; hearing ability requirements include ability to interact with coworkers, the public, elected or appointed officials and outside organizations; run errands; lift or carry weight of 10 pounds.

Special Requirements: Must successfully pass CORI/ SORI checks.

Approved:

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