

**CITY OF BUFFALO**  
DEPARTMENT OF  
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**CIVIL SERVICE JOB OPENING**

August 11, 2017

**Title of Position:** Chief Water Pollution Inspector  
**Number of Vacancies:** One (1) (Provisional)  
**Salary Range:** \$33,571 - \$51,648  
**Location:** Division of Water – (2 Porter Avenue)

Duties: Conducts investigations and inspections of hotels, theatres, land and mercantile establishments and orders changes in piping plans where a danger of contaminating city water supplies by pumping back through cross connections or back siphonage exists. Approves plans, applications and submittals for backflow prevention devices. Monitors installations of and enforces the annual testing of all approved backflow devices in accordance with NYS Sanitary Codes. Performs tests and investigates on check valves and checks piping connections on all dual systems, wells, springs, reservoirs and recirculating systems for cross connections. Operates and maintains hydraulic instruments such as manometers, gauges, venturi and orifice meters, flow nozzles and Pitometer. Tests and calibrates pressure gauges. Conducts fire-flow tests, loss of head tests and pitometer work. Acts in a consulting capacity to owners of industrial plants and other large water consumers in the proper distribution and measurements of the flow of water. Advises public on specifications and guidelines for proper design of approved backflow prevention systems. Responds to customer complaints related to water quality. May perform tests to ascertain residual chlorine levels; collects water samples for laboratory analysis when necessary. Maintains records of investigations; prepares reports as required. May supervise personnel assigned. Performs related work as required.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

**Promotional**

Continuous and permanent status in the competitive or non-competitive class in any city department as a **Plumber** at the skilled craft worker level (journeyman) for three years.

**Open Competitive**

Three years of full time experience as a **Plumber** at the skilled craft worker level (journeyman), one year of which must have been in a supervisory capacity.

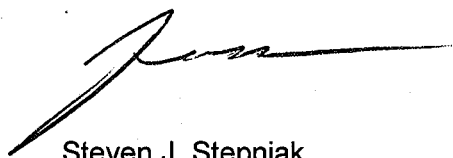
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**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH PROMOTIONAL AND OPEN COMPETITIVE**

1. Possession of a current NYS Drivers license which must be **presented at time of appointment** and maintained during employment.
2. Possession of a current Journeyman Plumber's License issued by the City Of Buffalo that must be **presented at time of appointment**.
3. At time of appointment, applicants must possess or have the ability to qualify for, a Certificate issued by the NYS Department of Health as a Backflow Prevention Device Tester, and must present this certificate **within six (6) months of date of appointment** and be maintained during employment.
4. Grade D Water Operation Certificate, which must be **presented within six (6) months of date of appointment** and maintained during employment.

**Skilled Craft Worker Level** is defined as work being performed independently. (Assisting or helping a Plumber is not considered to be skilled craft worker level experience.)

All applicants must submit a resume specifically detailing all required and relevant education and experience. This application is to be submitted to Jason C. Shell, Administrator, Room 511 City Hall, Buffalo, NY 14202 or via email at [jshell@city-buffalo.com](mailto:jshell@city-buffalo.com), by Friday, September 1, 2017.



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Commissioner