

CITY OF NORWICH ANNOUNCES

Head Buildings Maintenance Mechanic

Civil Service Exam held in the City of Norwich
(Open to the public)

<u>Exam Date</u>	<u>Exam Number</u>	<u>Application Fee</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>
March 25, 2023	62-009	\$15.00 for City Residents \$20.00 for non-residents	February 10, 2023

*The non-refundable Application and Administrative Fee must be submitted at time of application.

A “fee waiver” is available to candidates who meet the requirements.

It is the applicant’s responsibility to clearly show that they meet the minimum qualifications for the position.

Salary: Varies

VACANCY: This examination is being held to establish an Eligible List to fill all future Full-time vacancies in this title, which may occur during the life of the Eligible List. An eligible may receive only one Permanent appointment from the Eligible List. Once appointed, there will a probation period of 8-52-weeks based on performance of duties.

DUTIES: This is difficult supervisory work involving responsibility for the efficient operation and economical maintenance of the buildings of a school district. Work is performed under the general direction of a superior, with a considerable leeway for independent judgement in individual cases. Supervision is exercised over subordinate maintenance positions.

RESIDENCY: Candidates must have been residents of Chenango County or contiguous counties, for at least four months immediately preceding the examination date. **NOTE:** Preference in certification for appointment may be given to successful candidates who have been residents of the municipality in which appointment is to be made for at least one month immediately preceding the date of the written examination.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma; and five years of progressively responsible experience in building systems maintenance, building maintenance mechanics or related field; at least two of which shall include large scale building maintenance work involving standard building trades, and at least one of which shall include supervisory experience.

Special Requirement for Appointment in School Districts and BOCES

Per Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to be employed in a position designated by a school district or BOCES as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required.

Subjects of examination: A test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and /or abilities in the following areas:

Review and interpretation of plans and specifications, and the preparation of estimates: These questions test for the ability to read and understand typical building plans, layouts, and technical specifications; and for the ability to calculate accurate estimates of material

and labor costs.

Operation, construction, alteration, and maintenance of physical plants, including mechanical and electrical equipment: These questions test for knowledge of the methods and materials used in the construction, alteration, maintenance and repair of physical plant facilities including such areas as building foundation and framing, building hardware, insulation, and roofing; and building plumbing, electrical, sanitary, and heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems.

Maintenance management and energy conservation: These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices involved in managing a building maintenance and energy conservation program including such areas as determining the need for and scheduling building repairs; proper building maintenance techniques; and effective energy conservation practices for buildings, including optimal heating plant and cooling system operation.

Operation and maintenance of heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems: These questions test for knowledge of basic principles, practices and techniques essential to the correct operation and maintenance of heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, including such areas as air supply and exhaust systems, circulating fan capacities, building ventilation requirements, steam, hot water, and hot air heating systems; boiler operation; the refrigeration cycle, types and characteristics of refrigerants, troubleshooting air conditioning system problems, and proper maintenance of air conditioning systems.

Supervision: These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices employed in planning, organizing, and controlling the activities of a work unit toward predetermined objectives. The concepts covered, usually in a situational question format, include such topics as assigning and reviewing work; evaluating performance; maintaining work standards; motivating and developing subordinates; implementing procedural change; increasing efficiency; and dealing with problems of absenteeism, morale, and discipline.

Test guide: The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a test guide for this examination. However, candidates may find information in the publication 'General Guide to Written Tests' helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available online at: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>.

Calculators: Recommended

EXAMINATION FEE: A fee of 15.00 for City of Norwich residents and \$20.00 for non-residents is required for each separately numbered examination for which you apply. The required fee must accompany your application. Send check or money order payable to the City of Norwich. **DO NOT SEND CASH.** Write the examination number(s) on the check or money order. Applicants whose application forms are not accompanied by the appropriate fee; or whose personal check is returned for insufficient funds will not be considered as candidates. Checks returned for insufficient funds will subject you to penalties as provided by law.

As no refunds will be made if your application is disapproved, be sure to compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements for admission and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified. Examination fees are payable at the Finance Office in City Hall, One City Plaza, Norwich, N.Y. 13815.

APPLICATION DEADLINE POLICY: All applications along with application fees or proofs of waiver must be submitted to the City of Norwich by 4:30pm on the date of last file as listed on the Examination announcement. Applications received via U.S. Mail will be accepted only if received on or before the last file date. Applications that are received after the Application Deadline and are not received in the Human Resources Office by the last file date will not be accepted.

CROSS-FILING: APPLYING FOR CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS IN MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS WHEN EXAMINATIONS ARE SCHEDULED ON SAME DATE: If you have applied for other Civil Service examinations for employment with N.Y. State or other local governments, YOU must make arrangements to take all the examinations at one test site. If you are taking a state exam you must sit at a state site. If you have applied for an examination, in another County, City or State, which is scheduled to be given the same date as this exam, you must write our office and the Civil Service office in the other County/City or State and make arrangements to take both exams at either

our test site or theirs. You must make these arrangements with our office no later than the last filing date indicated on this announcement. You must advise our office in writing, by the last filing date contained in this announcement where you intend to take this exam. Please note that State exams cannot be given at our test site.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS, ALTERNATE TEST DATES, MILITARY PERSONNEL: If you require reasonable accommodations as a disabled person, or special testing arrangements as one in need of religious accommodation or are an alternate test date candidate (in accordance with Alternate Test Date Policy), or an active member of the military away from the area on the scheduled test date, clearly indicate this fact on the application. All such requests must be supported by appropriate documentation. If you are unable to take this examination due to an emergency situation, and you wish an alternate test date, you **MUST** call the City of Norwich Human Resource Department, with your request, by noon of the Monday following the test date.

*****Religious Accommodation*****Most written tests are held on Saturdays. If you cannot take the test on the announced test date due to a conflict with religious observance or practice, check the box under “Special Arrangements.” We will make arrangements for you to take the test on a different date (usually the following Monday).

*****Handicapped Persons: *****If special arrangements for testing are required, please indicate this on your application.

*****Active-Duty Military Personnel: *****Pursuant to Section 243b of the Military Law, applicants who are unable to take this exam on the regular exam date because of active military duty may be eligible to take a special military makeup examination. If you are on active military duty and unable to take this exam on the regularly scheduled exam date, please indicate this on your application. You will then be sent additional information regarding a military makeup exam.

*****Veterans or Disabled Veterans: ***** Who are eligible for additional credit must submit an application for veteran’s credit with their application for examination or at any time between the dates of their application for examination and the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list. Applications for veteran’s credit are available from this office. Veteran’s credits can only be added to a passing score. Effective January 1, 1998, the State Constitution was amended to permit a candidate currently in the armed forces to apply for and be conditionally granted veteran’s credit in examinations. Any candidate who applies for such credit must provide proof of military status to receive the conditional credit. **No credit may be granted after the establishment of the list.** It’s the responsibility of the candidate to provide appropriate proof indicating the service was in time of war, as defined in Section 85 of the Civil Service Law, and that the candidate received an honorable discharge or was released under honorable conditions in order to be certified at a score including veteran’s credits. *****Children of Firefighters and Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty*****In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

The City of Norwich is an Equal opportunity/Affirmative action employer

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