

Department of Building Safety

CODES INSPECTOR: The Building Official shall appoint or hire such number of officers, inspectors, assistants and other employees as shall be authorized by the jurisdiction. A person should not be appointed or hired as inspector of construction who has not had at least 5 years' experience as a contractor, engineer, architect, or as a superintendent, foreman, or competent mechanic in charge of construction or zoning enforcement. The Codes Inspector shall be a licensed building inspector by the State of Tennessee and fire inspector through a recognized certification program. Associates degree in a related field or trade certifications is preferred.

Starting Salary Grade: 32K – 40K per year

General Description: This position is responsible for conducting code compliance inspections for both residential and commercial construction as well as zoning and stormwater inspections as a representative of Blount County Government. The Codes Inspector shall enforce the provisions of the Code as interpreted by the Blount County Government and will have the authority to approve or reject conditions found during the performance of duties. This position may be required to review construction plans occasionally. The Codes Inspector shall have the responsibility to the county and public for fair and ethical enforcement of the Code.

- ◆ Responsible for enforcement of the Building, Residential, Mechanical, Fuel Gas, Plumbing, Housing, Fire, Electrical, and related Zoning/Stormwater Codes. Will inspect and have approval authority on the quality of materials and methods of construction with the adopted codes and regulations.
- ◆ Performs inspections for complaints and conditions of buildings and property where fires, vandalism, and/or other natural disasters have occurred.
- ◆ Issues Warning, Stop Work orders and citations for non complying projects. Testifies in court on code violation as needed.
- ◆ Responds to questions from citizens, contractors, builders, and special interest groups regarding the enforcement and interpretation of the construction codes. Assists in the coordination and information dissemination concerning construction projects with interdepartmental or intergovernmental parties.
- ◆ Performs other duties as required and/or directed.

Minimum knowledge and training requirements: Qualified individuals shall be a legal U.S. Citizen, possess a High School Diploma and a valid state driver's license. Should have an equivalent of 5 years of experience in the building construction trade. Requires a comprehensive knowledge base of all types of construction methods and materials that will allow the individual to pass (become certified) the Building Inspectors examination and licensed in the State of Tennessee as a Building Inspector within one year of the date of hire.

Environmental Conditions: Medium work requiring the exertion of up to 50 pounds on occasion, up to 20 pounds frequently and up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Work requires climbing, balancing, stooping, reaching, standing, walking, lifting, fingering, and repetitive motions.

Visual activity is required for color perception and distance, analyzing written or computer data, visual inspection involving small defects or small parts and texts.

Subject to inside and outside environmental conditions, noise, hazards, atmospheric, and driving conditions. Outside work involves exposure to all types of weather, noise, dust, mud, etc.

Applicant must be able to climb steps and ladders up to 3 stories.

Applicant must be able to work in confined spaces such as crawl spaces, ditches, and attic spaces.