Account Clerk I #00005
City of Virginia Beach – Job Description
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FLSA Status: Non-Exempt      Pay Plan: General      Grade: 10

City of Virginia Beach Organizational Mission & Values
The City of Virginia Beach exists to enhance the economic, educational, social and physical quality of the community and provide sustainable municipal services which are valued by its citizens. The City of Virginia Beach organization is based upon a belief in the democratic process of government. This belief provides meaningful ways for citizens, reflecting the diversity of our City, to contribute to the development of public policy. This process is enhanced by organizational values which guide member performance within the Virginia Beach Quality Service System. These Values define our desired organizational culture. We value quality customer service; teamwork; leadership and learning; integrity; commitment; and inclusion and diversity.

Class Summary
Perform clerical duties involving basic financial record keeping.

Representative Work Functions and Responsibilities
Maintain general and subsidiary records to ensure accurate tracking and easy retrieval of information; enter and maintain information from supporting records to ensure ledgers and databases reflect current information; generate and review financial and statistical reports, files, and records to ensure an accurate track of information; and maintain delinquent real estate, utility, personal property tax and other monetary records to serve as a basis for future collection efforts.

Review records to ensure minimal mathematical errors or omissions and compliance with city policies; and review invoices and prepare payment vouchers to ensure continuance of service.

Responsible for meeting all departmental payroll deadlines and ensuring members are paid correctly.

Serve as a cashier to receive large sums of money for taxes, licenses, utility bills, fees, permits, and miscellaneous sources.

Furnish general accounting information to City departments and the general public to ensure necessary information is relayed.

May assist with processing documents or keying basic personnel, time and leave actions approved by supervisors or managers within their department into the City’s enterprise financial and human resources automated software application; the requisition process associated with advertising vacant positions; and basic duties associated with new hire processing.

Perform other job duties requiring skills, knowledge and physical requirements as demanded by those duties described or less. Individual assignments will be determined by the supervisor based on then current workloads and department needs.

Performance Standards
Accurately and neatly record and maintain general and subsidiary records; accurately process entries for real estate, personal property, permits, utility records and basic personnel transactions in some positions;
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courteously furnish accurate information to customers, City departments, and the general public upon request.

**Minimum Qualifications**
High school or GED plus six (6) months experience in fields providing the required knowledge, skills and abilities, such as bookkeeping or clerical accounting; or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities.

**Special Requirements**
All employees may be expected to work hours in excess of their normally scheduled hours in response to short-term department needs and/or City-wide emergencies.

May require a passing score of 30 words per minute on a typing test.

**Knowledge-Skills-Abilities Required to Perform Satisfactorily**

A. **Knowledge**
   1. Knowledge of bookkeeping methods and software used in maintaining financial accounts and records.
   2. Basic knowledge of the City’s enterprise financial and human resources automated software application may be required for some positions.
   3. Knowledge of the City’s internal control policies and procedures pertaining to financial document processing may be required for some positions.
   4. Knowledge of the City’s policies, procedures, and administrative directives as they pertain to processing personnel or financial transactions may be required for some positions.
   5. Knowledge of general office terminology and procedures.
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B. **Skills**
   1. Skill in operating standard office machinery and city standard software applications.
   2. Skill in performing mathematical computations with speed and accuracy.

C. **Abilities**
   1. Ability to perform basic mathematical computations.
   2. Ability to maintain extensive records and files.
   3. Ability to effectively communicate with other city employees, customers, and the general public both orally and in writing.
   4. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with merchants, the public, supervisor, and co-workers.
   5. Ability to comprehend and follow oral and written instructions.
   6. Ability to maintain an appropriate work pace, focus on routine tasks without distraction, and complete assigned tasks within expected time frame.
   7. Ability to remember basic procedures or steps and recall them to carry out routine tasks.
   8. Ability to perform standard office activities such as, filing, operating office equipment, and distributing and sorting mail.
   9. Ability to operate a computer and use city standard software applications.
   10. Ability to adjust routine procedures to accommodate simple challenges.
   11. Ability to adjust to typical work stressors. (deadlines, disagreeable contacts, etc.)
   12. Ability to perform tasks requiring incumbent to sit or stand for extended periods of time throughout the workday.
   13. Ability to perform extensive data entry or maintain handwritten records for extended periods throughout the workday may be required for some positions.
   14. Ability to type at a rate of 30 words per minute may be required by some departments.

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Working Conditions
The below stated working conditions are intended to provide a general overview of the environmental conditions inherent in the job setting, as well as the physical, mental, and sensory requirements necessary to perform the essential functions of positions in the noted job title. A more detailed description will be made available at the position (PCN) level.

NOTE: Per HR Policy 6.19, Americans with Disabilities, the City follows the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all hiring and employment decisions. The City shall not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring and employment practices. The City shall make reasonable accommodations for the known physical or mental limitations of a qualified applicant or employee with a disability upon request unless the accommodation would cause an undue hardship on the operation of the City’s business.

Physical Requirements: Physical refers to the requirement for physical exertion and coordination of limb and body movement.
Requires generally sedentary work that involves walking or standing some of the time and involves exerting up to 10 pounds of force on a regular and recurring basis and routine keyboard operations.

Some positions in Communications and Information Technology require lifting up to 25 lbs.; frequent standing, walking, sitting; occasional bending, stooping, kneeling/squatting; and constant keyboard use.

Mental Requirements: Mental refers to the degree that the job involves cognitive activities, and use of mental processes.
Performs clerical and technical work which requires general understanding of operating policies and procedures and their application to problems not previously encountered; requires continuous, close attention for accurate results and frequent exposure to unusual pressure.

Environmental Conditions: Environmental refers to job conditions inherent to the job setting, including those that may lead to injury or health hazards even though precautions have been taken.
This job involves a risk of limited to no exposure to any environmental hazards.

For some positions in Public Utilities, environmental hazards are limited mostly to routine face-to-face contact with the public, which may from time to time be confrontational, due to the nature of the business (water service disconnection, etc.).

Sensory Requirements: Sensory refers to hearing, sight, touch, taste, and smell required by the job.
The job requires normal visual acuity, and field of vision, hearing and speaking.

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