

CHIEF OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements, under the general direction and supervision of the Office of the Mayor, and in concert with the Commissioner of Public Works and the Commissioner of the Board of Water Supply, directs both field activities (preventative, corrective, capital, and large-scale emergency actions) regarding all infrastructure for both Department of Public Works and Board of Water Supply, as well as administration responsibilities particularly, serving on the Capital Projects Committee. This position involves working with leadership to prioritize capital projects city-wide, providing short- and long-term strategic assessments, supervising consultants and contractors and assisting the enforcement of stakeholder department. The primary personnel and bureau responsibilities are providing guidance, supervision, or direction of, the following: DPW Supervisor, Assistant DPW Supervisor, Water Superintendent, Water Foreman and Water Field Operations Staff, Highway Maintenance Bureau, Stormwater and Sanitary Sewers Bureau, Building Maintenance Staff, Engineering Bureau, Project Management staff, The Stormwater Coordinator, and DPW Accounting staff. This position also exercises supervision over professional, technical and administrative support staff, as pertaining to Capital Projects. The Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements have the additional duties of assisting in the development of the operational and capital budgets, asset management and personnel management, within both departments as required by Commissioners. This position is the executor of all Federal, State and Local mandated requirements. Examples could include, the Lead Service Line project as mandated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Federal Consent Decrees from the United States District Courts. The Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements is also charged with the additional duty of Administrative/Adjudications Hearing Officer related to citations/complaints and corresponding findings and fines regarding non-criminal illicit actions such as Sanitary/Stormwater and Sanitation infractions. Does related work as required.

SPECIAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS POSITION: Relative to this position, the City of Mount Vernon, New York has (1) over 191 employees across two collective bargaining units and two Departments (Public Works and Board of Water Supply, (2) of over 100 miles of road; (3) over 200 miles of sanitary and storm sewers; (4) over 200 miles of water infrastructure; (5) over 3,000 catch basins; (6) over 3,000 manholes; (7) almost 5,000 street lights; (8) an operational fleet of over 250 rolling stock; (9) building maintenance of all municipal structures and real property including but not limited to, four firehouses, the Police Department/Court Complex, City Hall, Parking Structures, Parks and Playgrounds and DPW Facilities.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY):

Supervises requisite Operational Bureaus in Department of Public Works and Mount Vernon Board of Water Supply; Coordinates Lead Service Removal projects in conjunction with Sanitary and Stormwater Rehabilitation, Street Resurfacing and Utility Companies construction; Advises and assists the Commissioners in the formulation of policies, plans and programs; Enforces all applicable Codes and Standards in the public right-of-way; Functions as the Hearing Officer for Sanitary, Stormwater, Sanitation and other Public Right-of-Way illicit issues; Assists the Commissioner(s) with budgets; Assists in Capital Projects; Assists in grant writing and grant management; Oversee and assists City Engineer with jobs, tasks, specifications, and bids; Assists the Commissioners of Public Works and of Board of Water Supply with contracts;

Reviews and signs permit applications for work within Drafts Communication to be submitted to City Council Legislation and Board of Estimates; Acts as Construction Inspector for outside agencies and City of Mount Vernon Departments regarding sidewalk Acts as Construction Inspector and Officer in charge of paving operations and pavement maintenance.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILL AND ABILITIES: Candidates must have mastery of leadership, management and supervision; Proficiency in sewer construction and maintenance, with the ability to lead and diagnose responses to issues, complaints and emergencies; Extensive knowledge of pavement maintenance, both corrective and preventative and experience in pavement maintenance planning;; Must have experience in Capital Projects and Capital Budgeting and proficiency with Operational Budgeting; Proficiency with building design, building code enforcement, and general contracting; Must be proficient with automotive equipment, preventative and corrective maintenance and planning/tracking of fleet maintenance; Experience supervising utility companies; Must have the ability to manage competing hi-priority tasks; Communicate effectively both verbally and in writing; The requisite physical conditioning regarding the demands of the position – including working on a construction site or ad hoc emergencies, standing, sitting, kneeling for extended periods of time, and lifting more than 20 pounds

ACCEPTABLE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING: Graduation from a New York State recognized College or University with a Bachelor's Degree; PLUS, ten years of construction experience relatable to civil/municipal work, three of which must have been at a top supervisory/management experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR THIS POSITION:

1. Possession of a valid New York State Driver's License (Class D)
2. Possession of, or the ability to earn, New York State Grade 1 B, Grade 2 B, and Grade D Community Water Systems Operator's License(s) course/certification within 24 months

Civil Service Law, Section 22: Certification for positions. Before any new position in the service of a civil division shall be created or any existing position in such service shall be reclassified, the proposal therefore, including a statement of the duties of the position, shall be referred to the municipal commission having jurisdiction and such commission shall furnish a certificate stating the appropriate civil service title for the proposed position or the position to be reclassified. Any such new position shall be created or any such existing position reclassified only with the title approved and certified by the commission.

**City of Mount Vernon Civil Service Commission
Mt. Vernon, NY 10550
New Position Duties Statement**

Department head or other authorities requesting the creation of a new position, prepare a separate description for each new position to be created except that one description may cover two or more identical positions in the same organizational unit.
Forward one typed copy to this Commission.

1. Department Mayor's Office	Bureau, Division, Unit or Section Mayor's Office	Location of Position City Hall
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2. Description of Duties: Describe the work in sufficient detail to give a clear word picture of the job. Use a separate paragraph for each kind of work and describe the more important or time-consuming duties first. In the left column, estimate how the total working time is divided.

Job Title: Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements

Percent of
Work

Job Duty

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(Attach additional sheets if more space is needed)

3. Names and Titles of Persons Supervising this position (General, Direct, Administrative, etc.)

Name	Title	Type of Supervision
Shawyn Patterson-Howard	Mayor	General

4. Names and Titles of Persons Supervised by Employee in this position

Name	Title	Type of Supervision

5. Names and Titles of Persons doing substantially the same kind and level of work as will be done by the incumbent of this new position

Name	Title	Location of Position

6. What minimum qualifications do you think should be required for this position?

Education: High School Years
 College 4 Years, with specialization in Bachelor's of Science
 College Years, with specialization in

Experience: (list amount and type)

ACCEPTABLE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING: [1] Graduation from a NYS recognized school of higher education resulting in a Baccalaureat

Essential knowledge, skills and abilities:

Type of license or certificate required:

7. The above statements are accurate and complete.

Date: 1/22/2026 Title: Mayor Signature:

Certificate of Civil Service Commission

8. In accordance with the provisions of Civil Service Law Section 22, the Mt. Vernon Civil Service Commission certifies that the appropriate civil service title for the position described is:

Title: Chief of Infrastructure & Capital Improvements
 Jurisdictional Classification:

Date: 1/22/2026

Signature: Shawyn Patterson-Howard

Action by Legislative Body or Other Approving Authority

9. Creation of described position

☐ Approved
☐ Disapproved

Date: Signature:

Return One Completed Copy to: City of Mt. Vernon Civil Service Commission, Rm #103, 1 Roosevelt Square, Mt. Vernon, NY 10550