



**INSPECTOR I, BUILDING SAFETY & PERMITS  
(Plumbing and Mechanical)**

**DEPARTMENT:** County Administration/Code Compliance

**NATURE OF WORK:**

Perform plumbing and/or mechanical inspections of residential and commercial construction for the safety, health, and general welfare of the public. Perform skilled field inspections of new and existing structures to ensure compliance with Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (VUSBC) and applicable County ordinances and regulations. Work is performed under the general supervision of the Building Inspector Chief.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE JOB:**

Conducts field inspections of new and existing structures for compliance with the VUSBC.

Inspects domestic water systems, domestic sewer systems, venting systems, gas systems, heating systems, ventilating systems, air conditioning systems, and the like.

Designates each inspected system as “approved” or “rejected.”

Makes interpretations of the plumbing or mechanical code requirements that define approved system installation, incomplete installation and remedial work.

Acts as liaison between Building Safety & Permits, trade contractors, and property owners regarding correction of work, additional work to complete construction, and appointments for inspections; acts as liaison with other jurisdictions inspection departments and the State Association of Plumbing Inspectors.

Attends the Board of Plumbing Examiners monthly meetings; assists in the evaluation of applications and examination of applicants for Journeyman and Master Plumber certification.

Maintains daily log of all inspections.

Investigates work performed without a permit.

Practices continuous learning through individual study, classroom training, seminars, and conferences.

Performs work safely in accordance with department safety procedures and the County Safety Program. Operates equipment safely and reports any unsafe work condition or practice to Supervisor.

May be required to report to work to serve customers during emergency conditions. May be assigned to report at a different time and location and to perform different duties as necessary.

Performs related work as required.

## **JOB LOCATION AND EQUIPMENT OPERATED:**

Duties are performed at various locations throughout the County. Requires extensive movement about construction sites. Drives County vehicle to work locations.

## **REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:**

Thorough knowledge of the principles, techniques, and equipment used in the plumbing and mechanical field.

Thorough knowledge of State plumbing and mechanical codes.

Ability to recognize deficiencies in plumbing and mechanical work and knowledge of effective corrective measures.

Ability to follow established procedures.

Ability to maintain cordial and effective relationships with plumbing and mechanical contractors, building owners, and the general public.

Ability to enforce plumbing and mechanical codes with firmness, tact, and impartiality.

Ability to maintain records and prepare clear and concise written and verbal reports.

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

High school diploma or equivalent, preferably supplemented by courses in mechanics and plumbing; considerable experience in the plumbing and mechanical trade; or any equivalent combination of acceptable education and experience providing the knowledge, abilities, and skills cited above.

## **NECESSARY SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS:**

Must possess or obtain State certification in Mechanical – 1 & 2 Family Dwelling; Mechanical General; Plumbing – 1 & 2 Family Dwelling; and, Plumbing General, within the time frame established in the current Virginia Statewide Uniform Building Code.

Must possess a valid Virginia driver's license and have an acceptable driving record based on James City County's criteria.

Requires post-offer drug test.

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# IDENTIFICATION OF GENERAL APTITUDES AND PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Position Title: Inspector I Building Safety & Permits Position Number: 762  
Department: County Administration Division: Building Safety & Permits

The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that we identify the general aptitudes and physical requirements needed to perform the job listed above. Individuals who have the position must be able to perform all essential job functions unaided or with reasonable accommodation.

**I. Mental Abilities:** General learning ability. The ability to “catch on” or understand instructions and underlying principles.

- Ability to understand and follow oral instruction
- Ability to understand and follow written instruction
- Ability to guide and/or give instructions
- Ability to make decisions in accordance with established procedures and policies
- Not essential to job function

**II. Verbal Abilities:** Ability to understand meanings of words and ideas associated with them and to use them effectively. To comprehend language, to understand relationships between words, and to understand meanings of whole sentences and paragraphs. To present information or ideas clearly.

## 1. Speaking/Talking:

- Answering telephone, radio, or switchboard
- Communicating with County officials
- Communicating with general public
- Communicating with vendors
- Communicating with supervisors and/or with other employees
- Communicating with others \_\_\_\_\_

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Not essential to job function

## 2. Hearing/Listening:

- For communication with County officials, public, vendors, supervisors and/or other employees
- Not essential to job function

## 3. Reading: (ability to read and understand text)

- Essential to job function
- Not essential to job function

**III. Numerical:** Ability to perform arithmetic operations quickly and accurately.

- Ability to mentally perform accurate two digit calculations
- Ability to perform accurate calculations aided by a calculator, adding machine or measurement device

**IV. Spatial Abilities:** Ability to comprehend forms in space and understand relationships of plane and solid objects. May be used in such tasks as blue print reading and in solving geometry problems. Frequently described as the ability to “visualize” objects of two or three dimensions, or to think visually of geometric forms.

- Essential function
- Not essential function

**V. Motor Coordination:** Ability to coordinate eyes and hands or fingers rapidly and accurately in making precise movements with speed. Ability to make a movement response accurately and quickly.

**1. Manual Dexterity:** Ability to move the hands easily and skillfully. To work with the hands in placing and turning motions.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use telephone      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manipulate computer keyboard and mouse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use switchboard               | <input type="checkbox"/> Use postage machine                               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use radio/console  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use hand tools                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use a calculator   | <input type="checkbox"/> Use power tools                                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use a copy machine | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use a fax machine  | <input type="checkbox"/> Not essential to job function                     |

**2. Finger Dexterity:** Ability to move the fingers and manipulate small objects with the fingers rapidly or accurately. For example: electrical wiring.

- Essential to job function
- Not essential to job function

Explain:

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**VI. Physical Demands:**

1. **Strength:** The quality, state or property of being strong. The power to withstand strain, force or stress.

Please check (✓) in appropriate boxes below.

Ability to manipulate materials and/or equipment (lbs)							Frequency of Manipulation		
	5-	5-10	10-15	15-25	25-50	50+	Occasionally	Frequently	Continuously
<b>Lift</b>	✓						✓		
<b>Push/Pull</b>	✓						✓		
<b>Hold/Carry</b>	✓						✓		

Manipulation done from:  ground to waist     waist level     waist to shoulder     above shoulder  
(Check all that apply)

Not essential to job function:  Lift     Push/Pull     Hold/Carry (Check all that apply)

2. **Climbing:** To move up or mount by using the hands or feet.

- | <u>Ladders</u>  | <u>Stairways</u>                                       | <u>Steps</u>   |
|---|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Step stool            | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 flight                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-2                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8' to 10' step ladder | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 flights                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2-3                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension ladder      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 or more flights  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-4                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not essential to job function    | <input type="checkbox"/> Not essential to job function | <input type="checkbox"/> Not essential to job function |

3. **Ability to Stand, Sit, Walk, and Run:**

Please check (✓) in appropriate boxes below.

	Duration (hours/day)						Occasionally	Frequently	Continuously
	0-1	1-3	3-5	5-7	7-9	9+			
<b>Stand</b>			✓					✓	
<b>Sit</b>	✓							✓	
<b>Walk</b>			✓					✓	
<b>Run</b>									

If walking or running, over what type of terrain?     flat     rough     both

Not essential to job function:     Stand     Sit     Walk     Run (Check all that apply)

**4. Stooping, Kneeling, Crouching, and /or Crawling:**

To bend forward or down from the middle of the waist or the middle of the back, to bend downwards, to lower oneself and/or to move freely on hands and knees.

**Daily Amounts**

- 0-5x                       5-20x                       20-50x                       50+x  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_                       Not essential to job function

**5. Reaching, Handling, Fingering, and/or Feeling:**

To stretch out, extend, or put forth a bodily part. To touch or grasp something, by extending or stretching. To touch, lift, hold or operate with the hands.

**Daily Amounts**

- 0-5x                       5-20x                       20-50x                       50+x  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_                       Not essential to job function

**6. Seeing: To perceive or comprehend by the sense of sight.**

Essential to job function: These characteristics are necessary (Check all that apply)

- Peripheral vision
- Night vision
- Focus (distinctness or clarity)
- Color perception (discriminate between colors)
- Depth perception (determine distance relationship between objects)

**VII. Driving: The ability to transfer or convey in a vehicle.**

<b>Transmission</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Automatic</b>	<b>Multi-Gears</b>
Car	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Van	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small Truck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medium Truck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Large Truck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Truck w/Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heavy Bus Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not essential to job function	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (list) _____			