DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

The fundamental reason this classification exists is to perform professional administrative work involving the study and application of administrative systems, policies, procedures, and practices of the City. Management Assistants II are responsible for conducting independent research studies and making recommendations on complex administrative projects and problems. Some positions exercise supervision over a number of employees engaged in research, fiscal or administrative work. Incumbents typically report to an executive or middle manager and must be capable of making thorough analyses and sound recommendations.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Writes and reviews a variety of written material including reports, correspondence, memorandums, City Council reports, Request for Council Action, requests for proposals, leases and contracts;
- Studies major operational problems and makes recommendations on improvements;
- Creates responses to special correspondence and handle special assignments and problems such as responses to citizens inquiries and bid protests;
- Drafts and evaluates recommended changes in organization, policy, and procedures and reports on the merits of the recommendation;
- Conducts administrative and systems studies and writes reports and recommendations for improvement of procedures;
- Provides day-to-day and strategic coordination of departmental and citywide programs and services;
- Develops and implements communication strategies to drive acceptance and adoption of departmental and citywide policies and procedures, such as administrative regulations, web content, operating procedures, training materials, presentations, memorandums, and other communications;
- Assists in the preparation and administration of the annual budget;
- Oversees contract monitoring, contract changes, amendments, audits and compliance;
- Supervises professional level and administrative staff;
- Advises departments and divisions on budget problems, policies, and procedures and assists them in the maintenance of property and budgetary controls;
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- Works more than forty hours in a workweek without additional compensation to perform assigned job duties, including weekends, evenings, early morning hours, and holidays as required;
- Maintains regular and reliable attendance;
- Demonstrates superior seamless customer service, integrity, and commitment to innovation, efficiency, and fiscally responsible activity;
- Works more than forty hours in a workweek without additional compensation to perform assigned job duties, including weekends, evenings, early morning hours, and holidays as required.

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

Knowledge of:

- The principles and practices of public administration and government organization.
- Research techniques, methods and procedures.
- The principles, methods, and practices of municipal budgeting and finance.
- Program budgeting.

Ability to:

- Produce well-written documents with clearly organized thoughts using proper English sentence construction, punctuation and grammar.
- Communicate effectively and professionally with customers, City employees, boards and commissions, and the public in face-to-face one-on-one settings, in group settings, through electronic communications, or using a telephone.
- Use critical thinking, logic and reasoning to identify solutions to problems.
- Work proactively and cooperatively with other City employees and the public.
- Gather pertinent facts, make thorough analyses, and arrive at sound conclusions.
- Comprehend and make inferences from written material in the English language.
- Use electronic spreadsheet, word processing, and data base computer applications.
- Work safely without presenting a direct threat to self or others.
- Make recommendations in accordance with City, State, and Federal rules, regulations, policies, ordinances, and laws.
- Explain technical budgetary problems, City policies and practices, and staff’s analysis and recommendations in simple, non-technical language.
- Develop and implement departmental programs and /or new processes.
- Perform a broad range of supervisory responsibilities over professional and clerical staff.
- Act for manager or executive as assigned.
- Work with other governmental agencies to implement procedures and changes.
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- Provide staff support to City task forces, committees and commissions.

Additional Requirements:

- Some positions will require the performance of other essential and marginal functions depending upon work location, assignment or shift.

ACCEPTABLE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

Three years of professional-level experience in research, finance or public administration and a master’s degree in business or public administration, or a related field.