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WYOMING COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE
EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Secretary to the Superintendent
of Buildings and Grounds (County Buildings)

Exam #67703 OC

SALARY: Varies in Schedule S

EXAMINATION TO BE HELD:

March 2, 2019

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED TO:

January 21, 2019 by 4:00 pm in this office or postmarked by 1/21/19.

ISSUED: December 20, 2018

LOCATION OF POSITION: The resulting eligible list from this examination will be used to fill vacancies as they occur within Wyoming County Departments.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT: Although no residency is required, preference in appointment may be given to candidates who are Wyoming County residents.

CERTIFICATION: Preference in appointment may be given to candidates who presently reside in a civil division or district where the vacancy exists in accordance with provisions of Sec. 23 (4-a) of Civil Service Law.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and; **either:**

- (A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an Associate's degree in Secretarial Science or a related field and a minimum of two (2) years of administrative support experience which involved the operation of a computer for word-processing and database or spreadsheet applications ; **or**
- (B) Four (4) years of experience as defined in (A); **or**
- (C) An equivalent combination of experience and training within the limits of (A) and (B) above.

SPECIAL NOTE: Applicants seeking employment in this position may be required to provide verifiable training and/or experience in the operation of computers to receive an appointment.

DUTIES: The work involves responsibility for performing highly complex duties and administrative support tasks to further the overall work of the Buildings & Grounds department. Incumbents typically serve as a personal secretary to the Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds relieving them of administrative and business detail and resolving day-to-day operational problems. Additionally, the incumbent will be responsible for entering and retrieving information from a computer database/ spreadsheet and query and generate reports as required to support technical and professional staff involved in the department. This position is distinguished from that of Principal Account Clerk by virtue of its expanded scope of program support tasks and increased level of decision-making. The work is performed under the general supervision of the Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds with considerable leeway allowed for the use of independent judgment in carrying out the details of the work. Supervision may be exercised over the work of other clerical support staff. Does related work as required.

Subjects of examination: A written test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and /or abilities in the following areas:

1. Grammar/Usage/Punctuation

The grammar and usage questions test for the ability to apply the basic rules of grammar and usage. The punctuation questions test for a knowledge of the correct placement of punctuation marks in sentences. You will be presented with sets of four sentences from each of which you must choose the sentence that contains a grammatical, usage, or punctuation error.

2. Keyboarding practices

These questions test for a knowledge of preferred practices in such areas as letter format, capitalization, hyphenation, plurals, possessives, word division, word and figure style for numbers, and common proofreading marks. In addition, there will be a passage to proofread followed by questions on how to correct the errors in the passage.

3. Office practices

These questions test for knowledge of generally agreed-upon practices governing the handling of situations which typists, stenographers, secretaries, and office assistants encounter in their work, as well as knowledge of efficient and effective methods used to accomplish office tasks. The questions will cover such topics as planning work flow; setting priorities; dealing effectively with staff, visitors, and callers; filing and retrieving information; safeguarding confidentiality; using office equipment; and making procedural decisions and recommendations which contribute to a well-managed office.

4. Office record keeping

These questions test your ability to perform common office record keeping tasks. The test consists of two or more "sets" of questions, each set concerning a different problem. Typical record keeping problems might involve the organization or collation of data from several sources; scheduling; maintaining a record system using running balances; or completion of a table summarizing data using totals, subtotals, averages and percents. You should bring with you a hand-held battery- or solar-powered calculator for use on this test. You will not be permitted to use the calculator function of your cell phone.

5. Spelling

These questions test for the ability to spell words that are used in written business communications.

The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a test guide for this examination. However, candidates may find information in the publication "How to take a written test" helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available on line at: www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm

Candidates who receive a passing score on the written test must also pass the performance test in typing.

Performance Test: Candidates who receive a passing score on the written test must also qualify on the typing performance test. You must pass both the written and performance test to be considered for appointment. Since the performance test is qualifying (pass/fail), if you pass the performance test your final score for the exam will be the score that you achieve on the written test.

The performance test is a test of keying speed and accuracy. It utilizes a standard keyboard and is given on computers. The computer program requires no prior knowledge of software. A written description of the simple software will be provided at the test site.

The test is five minutes long and is preceded by a three-minute practice session. The text passage is shown on the computer screen. Candidates enter ("key" or "type") as much of that passage as they can during the time available.

In order to pass the test, candidates must enter the text at a rate of at least 40 words per minute, with at least 96% accuracy. For example, if a candidate enters the text at 40 words a minute, the maximum allowable number of errors is 7. (Note: A word is defined as five characters. The rating formula divides the total number of characters entered by five to determine the numbers of words entered.)

Typing Performance Waiver Statements:

A. If a candidate has already passed a 40 word per minute corrected or higher typing test administered by Wyoming County Civil Service, NYS Division of Employment, NYS Civil Service or BOCES within 2 years of the written test, the typing performance may be waived. A candidate requesting a waiver must submit verifiable evidence of qualifying. Information submitted must contain the title and location of the typing test, the test date and passing speed.

B. If a candidate is employed by Wyoming County, or a public agency in a jurisdiction served by the Civil Service Commission and presently holds a permanent competitive or permanent contingent status in a title for which passing of a performance test in typing at 40 words per minute corrected or higher was required for appointment, the performance test may be waived. Candidates requesting a waiver based on present employment must complete a Waiver Request Form and include copies of support documents.

Performance Retest Policy: Candidates have two (2) consecutive typing performances available. If a candidate qualifies on the 1st performance, they do **NOT** need to be tested further. If the candidate does **NOT** appear for a scheduled

performance, the candidate will forfeit and automatically **FAIL**. If you do **NOT** pass the performance portion, you must apply for and pass a written examination requiring a performance in order to be eligible to take another performance.

PLEASE NOTE: You must pass the written and the performance test in order to be considered for appointment.

Candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboards, "Spell Checkers," personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries, or any similar devices are prohibited.

SABBATH OBSERVERS/DISABLED CANDIDATES/MILITARY MEMBERS: If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application. Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, who having duly filed an application to compete in a scheduled competitive examination for Civil Service employment by the State of New York or any of its subdivisions and who due to active military duty is deprived of the opportunity to compete in such examination shall be provided with an opportunity to compete, under terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the State Department of Civil Service or Municipal Commission, by way of a special military make-up examination.

This examination will be prepared and rated in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Law, Rules and Regulations dealing with the preparation and rating of examinations will apply to this examination.

Current members of the Armed Forces may apply for Veteran's credits by filing an Application for Veteran's Credits (Form VC-1). Proof of military status must also be presented and verified in order for consideration of granting of Aconditional Veteran's credit. Acceptable proof may include a military I.D. card, military orders, or others official military document that substantiates active military service at time of exam. This documentation and VC-1 Form must be received prior to the establishment of the Eligible List for this examination. The Aconditional status of the additional credits will remain until proof is provided indicating that the service was in time of war and that the veteran received an honorable discharge, or was released under honorable circumstances.

VETERANS: Disabled and non-disabled war veterans who are eligible for additional credits must submit an application for veteran credits with **EACH** application for examination. Candidates who wish to claim veteran credits on an examination should request an application and information sheet from the Wyoming County Civil Service Office. Veteran's application forms will also be available upon request at the examination center. The completed forms must be received before the eligible list for this examination is established in order to utilize additional credits.

In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE
WYOMING COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE OFFICE
338 N. Main St., Thomson Hall
Warsaw, New York 14569
Telephone: 786-8830

Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

OR DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION AT www.wyomingco.net (click on the civil service link)

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APPLICATION FEE POLICY

APPLICATION FEE:

You need to file a \$20.00 processing fee for **EACH** exam you are applying for. The required fee **MUST** accompany your application.

- Send check or money order payable to the "Wyoming County Department of Civil Service."
- Write the examination number on the check or money order.
- **DO NOT SEND CASH!!**

As **NO** refunds will be made if you fail to appear for the scheduled exam or if your application is disapproved, be sure to compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements for admission and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified. Assistance in determining whether or not you meet the minimum qualifications can be obtained from our office and is yours for the asking.

APPLICATION FEE WAIVER: A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. **All claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for**

application fee waiver, complete a "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" form and submit it with your application by the close of business on the Application Deadline as listed on the Examination Announcement. The Application Fee Waiver is available on line at www.wyomingco.net (click on Civil Service) or in our office.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Falsification of any part of the "Application for Employment" will result in disqualification.
2. Applicants must answer every question on the application form and make sure that the application is complete in all respects. Incomplete applications will be disapproved. All necessary licenses, diplomas, and transcripts must be attached to the application when required in the "Minimum Requirements" as listed on the exam announcement.
3. Appointments from an eligible list must be made from the top three (3) candidates willing to accept appointment. The duration of an eligible list may be fixed for a minimum period of one (1) year and a maximum period of four (4) years.
4. It is the responsibility of the candidate to notify the Wyoming County Civil Service Office of any change of name and/or address. **NO** attempt will be made to locate candidates who have moved.

TIME AND PLACE OF EXAMINATION: Approved candidates will be notified by mail regarding the time and place of the examination. If notice of approval or disapproval is not received at least seven (7) days prior to the exam, please call the Wyoming County Civil Service Office at (585) 786-8830.

MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY: If you have applied to take a written test announced by either one or several local jurisdictions (county, town, city) scheduled to be held on the same test date as this written test, you must notify each of the local jurisdictions no later than two weeks before the test date, so they can make arrangements for taking all tests at one test site. All examinations for positions in State government will be held at a State examination center.

For this examination call 786-8830 or write to Wyoming County Civil Service, Warsaw, NY 14569.

NOTE: APPLICANTS WHO LACK THIRTY DAYS, OR LESS, OF MEETING THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS BY THE DATE OF THE EXAMINATION WILL BE ADMITTED CONDITIONALLY TO THE EXAMINATION. HOWEVER, PROOF OF THE ADDITIONAL DAYS' QUALIFICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ELIGIBLE LIST.

IF THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRE A DEGREE AND/OR LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SHALL PERTAIN TO THIS EXAM ANNOUNCEMENT: If you expect to complete the educational requirement within 6 months, you can be admitted to this examination. If successful on the examination, you will not be certified for appointment until you have submitted proof of completion of the requirements to the Wyoming County Civil Service Office. Proof must be submitted within 2 months, following award of degree; failure to do so will result in removal of your name from the eligible list.

Licensure/Certification: If you are eligible for the required licensure/certification you can be admitted to this examination. If successful on the examination, you will not be certified for permanent appointment until you have submitted proof of possession of the required licensure/certificate to the Wyoming County Civil Service Office.

PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING ALTERNATE TEST DATE:

1. For situations known prior to when the examination is scheduled for administration, the candidate should get from this office a Request for Alternate Test Date Form as soon as possible before the test date.
2. For emergency situations, you must notify this office no later than Tuesday following the Saturday scheduled test date.
3. We **can not** administer any written test **prior** to the **scheduled date**.