CLASS TITLE: **Automotive Painter**

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS: Under supervision, performs journey level work in the preparation and painting of automobiles and other motor vehicles; and performs related duties as required.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES: Reads specifications and work orders to assess work required and to determine the most appropriate preparation and application methods to use; ensures adequate supplies of tools, equipment and materials are at work sites to complete jobs; operates power equipment to sand and remove paint and rust spots from vehicles; fills small dents and scratches with body filler; cleans and prepares surfaces to ensure paint and other finishes will adhere properly; removes or masks parts of vehicle surfaces not to be painted such as chrome trim, headlights, windows and mirrors; mixes and blends paints to match the original color of vehicles; uses spray guns to apply successive coats of paint such as primer, lacquer and enamel to vehicles; checks quality of work on refinished vehicles to ensure appropriate consistency and color; affixes decals and stencils letters, numbers, insignias and other identification marks onto vehicle surfaces; prepares work activity reports.

RELATED DUTIES: Cleans paint applicators, equipment and work site after paint job is completed; may prepare cost estimates of materials and man hours needed to complete automotive paint jobs.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

**Training and Experience.** Successful completion of a US Department of Labor registered automotive painting apprenticeship training program and journeyman status, or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

A valid State of Illinois driver’s license is required.

**Knowledge, Abilities and Skill.** Good knowledge of the work methods and techniques used in mixing and applying the different types of paints used in automotive painting. Good knowledge of paint products and equipment used in automotive painting. Good knowledge of safety practices and procedures.

Physical ability to use spray guns to apply paint and finishes to vehicles. Ability to mix paints to achieve a good match with original paint. Ability to work safely. Ability to prepare work activity
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reports.

Skill in the mixing and application of different types of paint. Skill in the use of tools and equipment used in automotive painting. Basic math skills. Basic oral and written communication skills.

**Physical Requirements.** Ability to lift and carry tools and materials weighing up to 35 pounds frequently and greater than 35 pounds occasionally.

**Working Conditions.** Unavoidable exposure to paint fumes. Work is performed in spray booths or special ventilation booths.

**Equipment.** Standard tools and equipment of the trade including paint spray guns. Safety equipment including respirators and masks.

**NOTE:** While the list of essential duties is intended to be as inclusive as possible, there may be other duties which are essential to particular positions within the class.

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