CITY OF VISALIA

Parks & Recreation Director

A better way of **living.**

If work-life balance is important to you, consider living in a thriving community that offers some of the most affordable housing in California and the typical commute time is less than 20 minutes. One of the 200 largest cities in the United States with a population of over 143,000, Visalia offers small town charm with metropolitan amenities. Visalia has a high-quality healthcare, a flourishing arts community, local theatre companies, a downtown convention center, and many fine dining establishments.

Visalia has a diverse economy that offers opportunities for families to live in the Golden State while also getting the quality-of-life families deserve.

The City has many community parks, organized team sports, a municipal golf course, private country club, family-oriented regional sports park, and numerous outdoor and recreational activities. Located in the heart of California's San Joaquin Valley, Visalia offers the best location in CA to experience all the natural wonders of the state from an affordable and accessible central location.

Our strong sense of community and social well-being keeps Visalians happy, healthy and moving forward. Come discover all Visalia has to offer!

Annual Salary
$149,613 - $188,088

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The City Organization

Visalia is a full-service Charter city that employs over 650 full-time employees and approximately 100 hourly employees in eight City departments. The City operates under the Council-Manager form of government with a five-member City Council elected by district who appoint the City Manager. The City's executive team includes the Assistant City Manager over Administration and department heads for Administrative Services, Fire, Police, Finance and Technology, Engineering and Building, Parks and Recreation, Planning and Community Preservation, and Public Works. Visalia owns and operates a convention center, a municipal airport, a solid waste enterprise. The City owns and leases a 27-hole golf course and the baseball stadium occupied by Visalia Rawhide, a Minor League Single A franchise.

The Department and Divisions

The Parks and Recreation Department, staffed by 50 full-time employees and variable number of hourly (temporary/seasonal) employees, consists of four operational divisions along with responsibility as the Arts Consortium Liaison.

Park and Urban Forestry

Through a combination of in-house staff and contract services, the division oversees the maintenance of 292 acres of parks, 162 acres of landscape and lighting districts, 266 acres of open spaces, 23 miles of community trails, over 5,000 valley oaks, 27 acres of city facilities and parking lots, 113 acres of ponding basin landscape, and 50 acres of roadside/medians. The goal is to provide safe, clean, attractive parks and facilities throughout the community.

Recreation

Recreation seeks to build a great community through people, parks, and programs. The division offers high quality recreation programs to all age groups and interests focusing on family programs, youth sports programs, health and wellness programming, senior nutrition and access to programs and activities for all ages and income levels. Recreation also manages the City's community centers, other public facilities, and park reservations.

Facilities and Maintenance

The division maintains all City owned facilities using in-house and contract maintenance and provides daily custodial services for all City buildings. In addition to facility maintenance, the division is responsible for programming and maintaining a Capital Budget for the replacement and upgrades of City facilities.

Animal Services

The primary functions are shelter care and management, animal field services, and animal licensing with an overall goal of promoting public health and safety, facilitating responsible pet ownership, humanely caring for animals, and providing education and positive enforcement efforts. The Animal Care Center, housing animal control and animal shelter staff, has the capacity for up to 200 animals and is the major holding facility for lost and stray pets in the area.

The Ideal Candidate

The City of Visalia is looking for the ideal candidate that is professional, responsive, innovative, and dedicated to the mission of the City and department with a strategic vision for the future.

The City is looking for a Director who demonstrates continuous effort to improve operations and look at alternative methods of delivering service, a desire to positively impact the community, and work cooperatively to provide quality customer service. It is critical for the new Director to establish, build, and maintain strong and effective working relationships with the community, stakeholders, City Management, boards, and commissions.

The City of Visalia offers a competitive total compensation package that includes:

- Annual Salary: $149,613 - $188,088 DOQ (Salary range evaluated each fiscal year.)
- Monthly vehicle allowance of $425
- CalPERS retirement program
- Health, Dental, Vision and Life Insurance
- Onsite City Health and Wellness Clinic (no out of pocket expenses)
- Vacation, sick leave, and administrative leave, and much more

For questions, please contact:
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To express your interest in this exceptional career opportunitity, visit visalia.city/careers to submit your resume and cover letter online. Apply by May 22, 2024.

Qualifications include:

- Bachelor's degree in public administration, business administration, or applicable field from an accredited college or university
- (8) years of extensive administrative experience in a full-service municipal agency, county government, or similar agency
- At least three (3) years in a management position.
- Experience in all aspects of the diverse functions of the department is not expected, but a track record of effective leadership in some of the areas of responsibility is desired, along with strong aptitude for learning new roles and responsibilities, adapting to changing conditions, and leading a management team covering diverse areas of responsibility.

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