CITY OF OKEECHOBEE APPLICATION PACKET ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY/ BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT SPECIALIST

Questions regarding the application packet, job description, or the process are to be directed to the Office of the City Clerk, 863-763-9814, or by email:

Lane Gamiotea, City Clerk/Personnel Administrator lgamiotea@cityofokeechobee.com

- COMPLETE THE APPLICATION ENTIRELY (4-PAGES) Read instructions thoroughly, complete as instructed, sign and date. If you have applied with us for another position in the last six months, call us! We may be able to use the application packet on file.
 COMPLETE PERSONAL INQUIRY WAIVER FORM (1-PAGE) Must be notarized (sign the form in front of a notary).
- 3. VETERAN PREFERENCE ELIGIBILITY FORM (2-PAGES) If you are a Veteran; active Reservist; spouse, widow(er), parent or legal guardian of a Veteran, read the form thoroughly to see if you qualify. Should you be eligible, provide copies of all required documents with the form. If you do not meet the requirements, discard this form.
- 4. PAST/CURRENT EMPLOYMENT REFERENCE FORM(S) Read ALL instructions to complete the forms correctly – Applicants are to send these out. Past employers are to forward them to Lane Gamiotea, NOT the applicant. Complete one form for each previous employer listed on your application. If we may contact your current employer, complete a form for them.

CHECK LIST FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATION:

Notaries are available at City Hall; bring your driver's license with you.

By the **closing date** (see job description) submit to the Office of the City Clerk, the following documents by delivering in person, mailed, emailed, or faxed. Should documents with * not be readily accessible, contact us **BEFORE** the closing date, some exceptions can be made to submit them later:

- □ Application
- Personal Inquiry Waiver
- □ Veterans Preference Eligibility Form with required documents (if applicable)
- High School Diploma or equivalent copy
- Resume

CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

Office of the City Clerk 55 SE 3RD Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 34974 863-763-3372 ext.9814 www.cityofokeechobee.com

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION EEO/ADA/GINA/VP/DFWP

The information contained on this application is sought in good faith. We consider applicants for all positions without regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital or veteran status, or any other legally protected status. The City may require pre-employment: substance screening, health physical, drivers license record, and criminal background checks for all positions.

Applicants must fully read and understand the essential job duties and physical demands included on description to which they are applying. They are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable qualified applicants with disabilities to perform essential functions.

GENE	RAL INSTRUCTIONS:		POSITION APPL	IED FOR AND CONTACT INFORMA	TION:	
~	Complete all info application in its en				Relative/Friend	
~	Type or Print in ink		-	Employment Agend	;yOther:	
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~	applying. (Note: a	n for which you are separate application d for each vacancy. cceptable.)	City:		State:	Zip:
~	Submit to address	on application.	Phone:		Alternate Phone:	
			E-mail:			
Hav If Are	If you are under 18 years of age, can you provide required proof of eligibility to work?YesNo Have you ever filed an application with us before?YesNo If Yes, give date, Position Title:Are you currently employed?					
May	y we contact yo	our present employe	r?		-	YesNo
Dat Are	e available to s you available f	start for work: for:Full-TimePart	TimeTemp	orary. If Part-Time/Tempo	rary Indicate:Mornings	AfternoonEvenings
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VOUR		NAME & LOCATIO	N	COURSE OF STUDY	DATES ATTENDED	DIPLOMA/DEGREE
	High School:	HILE ATTENDING SCHOOL.				
Col	llege/University:					
	rade, Vocation, siness or Miliary:					
	Others:					
LICEN	NSE OR CERTIFICATION	NUMBER		DATE RECEIVED	EXPIRATION	AGENCY ISSUING



PERIODS OF EMPLOYMEN					
this section must be com a response. Use a separa	pleted in detail. Resume te block to describe eacl	f applicable list your work experies as may be attached to provide a and position you've held or gap in er service training or assignments	dditional information. Do n mployment. If needed, attac	ot reply "see re h additional shee	sume" as
EMPLOYER:	Adr	DRESS:	Сіту:	STATE:	ZIP:
PHONE NUMBER(S):	Jor	3 TITLE:	SUPERVISOR:	Last Sa	LARY:
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EMPLOYER:	Adr	DRESS:	Сіту:	State:	ZIP:
PHONE NUMBER(S):	Jor	3 TITLE:	Supervisor:	LAST SA	LARY:
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REASON FOR LEAVING:_					

KNOW	LEDGE. SI	KILLS. A	ABILITIES:

List any specialized training, apprenticeship, skills or equipment you can operate, that you believe relevant to the position you seek:

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTER APPLICANTS ONLY: List specific law enforcement education and/or training. Indicate if certificate was received, date, and certificate number:

ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY

FOREIGN LANGUAGES		Fluent	Good	Fair
List any you can	Speak:			
	Read:			
	Write:			

Note to Applicants: DO NOT ANSWER THIS QUESTION UNLESS YOU HAVE BEEN INFORMED ABOUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE JOB FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING.

ARE YOU CAPABLE OF PERFORMING IN A REASONABLE MANNER, WITH OR WITHOUT A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION, THE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS INVOLVED IN THE JOB OR POSITION FOR WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED? A review of the essential functions, qualifications, tools and equipment used, physical demands and work environment are explained in the job description which has been given.

EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE:

ARE YOU A CURRENT OR FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, OTHER COVERED EMPLOYEE** OR THE SPOUSE	OR CHILD C	F ONE,
WHO IS EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE UNDER §119.071 F.S.?	_Yes	No

**Other covered jobs include but are not limited to: correctional and correctional probation officer, firefighters, human resources officers, code enforcement officers, certain judges, assistant state attorneys, state attorneys, assistant and statewide prosecutors, personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments whose responsibilities include revenue collection and enforcement of child support enforcement and certain investigators in the Department of Children and Families [see §119.071, F.S.].

DRIVER'S LICENSE INFORMATION:

Do you have a valid Florida Driver's License?		Yes	3No
Driver's License Number:	State Issued:	CommercialNon-Commercial	Motorcycle
Has your license ever been suspended or revoked? If Yes, please provide date and explain:			;No

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:	
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR A FIRST DEGREE MISDEM	
If Yes what charges?	
Where convicted?	Date of Conviction:
HAVE YOU EVER PLED NOLO CONTENDERE OR PLED GUILTY TO A CRIME WH A FELONY OR A FIRST DEGREE MISDEMEANOR?	
If Yes what charges?	
Where convicted?	
HAVE YOU EVER HAD THE ADJUDICATION OF GUILT WITHHELD FOR A CRIME VIS A FELONY OR A FIRST DEGREE MISDEMEANOR?	wнісн YesNo
Where convicted?	Date of Conviction:
NOTE: A "YES" answer to these questions will not automatically bar you from employme in relation to the position for which you are applying are considered. Crime conviction	ent. The nature, job relatedness, severity and date of the offense check will be conducted. [See §112.011 F.S.]
RELATIVES:	
TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, DO YOU HAVE ANY RELATIVES CURRENTLY WORKING	FOR THE CITY IN ANY CAPACITY?YesNo
If YES, Name(s):	Relationship(s):
CITIZENSHIP:	
The City of Okeechobee hires only U.S. citizens and lawfully authorized alien workers. citizenship or proof of authorization to work in the U.S.	You will be required to provide identification and either proof of
ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN?	YesNo

IF NO, ARE YOU LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT WITH THE		
SPECIFIC HIRING AUTHORITY TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING?	Yes	No

STATEMENT & CERTIFICATION:

I certify that all answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification, omission, misleading statements, or misrepresentation is cause for rejection of this application or dismissal from employment. I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application.

I hereby release all companies, schools or persons from all liability for any damage for issuing this information. I understand that the City may request driver's license, credit and/or criminal reports about me. I have the right to request that the City completely and accurately disclose to me the contents of those reports, upon written request to the Office of the City Clerk.

I further understand that only a Department Head or authorized designee may make an offer of employment. I realize that this application is not a contract of employment and does not imply that I will be interviewed for a position or hired. Upon termination of employment I understand that the city may hold my final paycheck until a final accounting is made for any city property in my custody. I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand each of the above statements.

Signature:_

Date:

PERSONAL INQUIRY WAIVER

Authority for Release of Information

Γo:	Concerned Person or	APPLICANT'S NAME:
	Authorized Representative of any Organization,	DATE OF BIRTH:
	Institution or Repository of Records	SOCIAL SECURITY #:
	of Records	30CIAL SECORIT #

I respectfully request and authorize you to furnish the City of Okeechobee through the Okeechobee City Police Department, City Personnel Department and its authorized representatives bearing this release or a copy thereof, within one year of the date hereon, to obtain any and all information that you have concerning my work record, school record/education, military record, attendance, personal history, criminal record, disciplinary record, reputation and financial and credit status. Please include any and all medical, physical and mental records or reports including all information of a confidential or privileged nature, and photostats of same, if requested. I hereby direct you to release such information on request of the bearer or sender of this instrument. This release is executed with the full knowledge and understanding that the information is for the official use of the City of Okeechobee to assist in determining my qualifications and fitness for the position I am seeking with the City of Okeechobee.

I hereby release you, your organization or others, as custodian of such records, and any school, college, university, or other educational institution, hospital or other repository of medical records, credit bureau, business establishment including its officers, employees or related personnel, both individually and collectively, from any and all liability or damages of whatever kind, which may at any time result to me, my heirs, family or associates because of compliance with this authorization and request to release information, or attempt to comply with it.

I am furnishing my Social Security Number on a voluntary basis with the understanding that such is not required by law or regulation. I have been advised that the City of Okeechobee will utilize this number only to facilitate the location of employment, military credit, residence, criminal and educational records concerning me in connection with my application for employment.

I understand that by permitting a release of medical information I am waiving my right to protected health information afforded to me by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA) for purposes of this application, and hold the City harmless from any claims by me under the Act for this limited purpose. Should there be any question as to the validity of this release, you may contact me as indicated below.

AFEIDAVIT

Applicant's Signature	e	Date	State of Florida County of
Print Full Name			Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me, by means ofphysical presence oronline notarization,
Address			this day of, 20, by
City	State	Zip Code	who is personally known to me or who has providedas identification.
Phone No.			Notary Public Signature Notary Commission No. & Expiration & Seal



VETERAN'S PREFERENCE ELIGIBILITY FORM

City of Okeechobee - Office of the City Clerk

55 SE 3rd Ave, Room 100, City Hall, Okeechobee, FL 34974

Phone: (863) 763-3372 ext. 9814

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete both pages of this form if you are claiming Veterans' preference. Before being given a preference, you will be required to submit documentation in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law. Veterans' preference is awarded for selection procedures taken and passed, **providing this and all required documentation is submitted to the City Clerk's Office**. Preference will not be awarded retroactively.

PERSON APPLYING FOR PREFERENCE

Name (Last, First, Middle)

Position applying for:

VETERAN INFORMATION (to be provided by the person applying for preference)

Veteran's Name (Last, First, Middle) exactly as it appears on Service Records)

Branch of Service	Type of Discharge/Character of Service
Veteran's periods of Service	
Date of Entry:	Date of Discharge:
Dates of Active Duty	Dates of Training
From: To:	From: To:
Does the Veteran have a service connected disability?	Yes No
If yes, is the service connected disability compensable?	Yes No
What is the percentage of disability?	%
Documentation you will be submitting for consideration for Veterar	ns' Preference:

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

In accordance with Florida law, preference in appointment, employment and promotion shall be given first to those persons included in categories 1 and 2 and second to those persons included under categories 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 (as shown on page two). Preference in appointment and employment requires that a preferred applicant be given special consideration each step of the employment selection process but does not require the employment of a preferred applicant over a non-preferred applicant who is more qualified for the position, based on the minimum required qualifications within the job description.

If a qualified applicant claiming Veterans' Preference for a vacant position is not selected, he/she may file a complaint with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. A complaint must be filed within 21 days of the applicant receiving notice of the hiring decision made by the employing agency or as otherwise provided in Rule 55A-7.016, Florida Administrative Code.

Submission of this form and accompanied documentation does not constitute automatic eligibility for Veterans' preference. Eligibility for Veterans' preference is subject to verification of information and documentation provided.

The following positions are exempt from Veterans' preference provisions: positions filled by officers elected by popular vote or persons appointed to fill vacancies in such offices and positions which require that the employee be a member of The Florida Bar.

WARTIME ERAS - for the purpose of determining Veterans' preference, wartime era is limited to service during the following time periods:

- September 1, 2010 to present (Operation New Dawn)
- March 19, 2003 to present (Operation Iraqi Freedom)
- October 7, 2001 to present (Operation Enduring Freedom)
- August 2, 1990 to January 2, 1992 (Persian Gulf War)
- February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 (Vietnam Era)
- June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955 (Korea Conflict)
- December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946 (WWII)
- April 6, 1917 to July 1, 1921, if one day of service was between 4/5/1917 and 11/12/1918 (WWI)
- April 6, 1917 to April 1, 1920, if served in Russia (WWI)
- April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918 (WWI)

PERSON	APPLYING FOR PREFERENCE
Name (Las	t, First, Middle)
TYPE OF	/ETERANS' PREFERENCE CLAIMED
Instruction	Check the box below to indicate the type of preference you are claiming. Answer all questions associated with that box and provide the listed documentation.
CATEGOR	Y/DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED
□ (1)	A veteran who served on active duty, received an honorable discharge and have established the present existence of a service-connected disability who is eligible for or receiving compensation, disability retirement or pension under public laws administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) and the United States Department of Defense (DOD).
	Required documents: A DOD document, commonly known as a DD-214 (Member 4 Copy recommended) or military discharge papers, or equivalent certification from the DVA, listing military status, dates of service and discharge type and a document from the DOD, the DVA, or the Department certifying that the Veteran has a service-connected disability.
□ (2)	The spouse of a Veteran who cannot qualify for employment because of a total and permanent disability, or the spouse of a Veteran missing in action, captured or forcibly detained by a foreign power. Are you presently married to the Veteran? Yes No If no, have you remarried? Do not count marriages that were annulled. Permission of the Veterans: A DOD document, commonly known as a DD-214 (Member 4)
	Copy recommended) or military discharge papers, or equivalent certification from the DVA, listing the spouse's military status, dates of service and discharge type also a certification from the DOD or the VA that the Veteran is totally and permanently disabled or an identification card issued by the Department; and evidence of marriage to the Veteran and a *statement that the spouse is sill married to the Veteran at the time of the application for employment; and submit proof that the disabled Veteran cannot qualify for employment because of the service-connected disability.
	Spouses of persons on active duty: A DOD document or the DVA certifying that the person on active duty is listed as missing in action, captured in line of duty, or forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power; and evidence of marriage and *a statement that the spouse is married to the person on active duty at the time of application of employment. *Signing this form will serve as statement that you are still married to the Veteran at the time of this application.
□ (3)	A Veteran of any war who has served on active duty for one day or more during a wartime period, excluding active duty for training, and who was discharged under honorable conditions from the Armed Forces of the United States of America.
	Required documents: A DOD document, commonly known as a DD-214 (Member 4 Copy recommended) or military discharge papers, or equivalent certification from the DVA, listing military status, dates of service and discharge type.
□ (4)	The un-remarried widow or widower of a Veteran who died of a service-connected disability.
	Were you married to the Veteran when he or she died?
	Have you remarried since the Veteran's death? Do not count marriages that were annulled. Q Yes No
	Required documents: A DOD document or the DVA certifying the service-connected death of the Veteran, and evidence of marriage and *a statement that the spouse is not remarried.
	*Signing this form will serve as statement that you (the spouse) has not remarried at the time of this application.
□ (5)	The mother, father, legal guardian, or unremarried widow or widower of a member of the United States Armed Forces who died in the line of duty under combat-related conditions, as verified by the United States DOD.
	Relationship to service member: Mother Father Legal Guardian Unremarried widow or widower
	Required documents: A DOD document certifying the service-connected death of the Veteran under combat-related conditions. In addition, the legal guardian shall provide proper court documents establishing the legal authority of Guardianship.
□ (6)	A Veteran who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released under honorable conditions only or who later received an upgraded discharge under honorable conditions.
(7)	Required documents: A DOD document, commonly known as a DD-214 (Member 4 copy recommended) or military discharge papers, or equivalent certification from the DVA, listing military status, dates of service and discharge type. A current member of any reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or the Florida National Guard.
- (•)	Required documents: A letter from Commanding Officer stating the dates of military service to establish service
l ooknowla-	member is currently active.
	ge that I have read and understood the rights expressed in this notice. I certify that all information provided is true, complete
and correct	o the best of my knowledge and belief, and is made in good faith.
Name:	Date:

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PAST/PRESENT EMPLOYMENT REFERENCE FORM

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS:

- 1. Complete a form on each past employer, and unless noted on application, your current employer.
- 2. Attach a copy of the completed AND notarized Authorization W aiver and forward to the appropriate person from your past/current employer. NOTE: it is strongly suggested that you contact the past employer to verify who should receive this form, most companies do not allow supervisors to complete these, and require them to go to the Personnel or Human Resources Department.
- 3. Once the form is completed, have them forward it to the <u>CITY CLERK's OFFICE</u> via email: Igamiotea@ cityofokeechobee.com, or fax: 863-763-1686, or mail to the address above.

Company Contact	Email
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DEAR PAST/PRESENT EMPLOYER:

______ is applying for employment as a <u>Administrative Secretary</u> with the City of Okeechobee and has given us the information stated below concerning their employment with your organization. The applicant has authorized us to communicate with you for verification of this information and such reference information as you care to give. A copy of the written authorization is attached.

Applicant to complete items below <u>ONLY</u> :			Response from Past/Current Employer ONLY: Correct if information supplied by applicant is in error:				
Dates of Employment:							
Position Held:							
Last Rate of Pay:							
Reason for Leaving:							
To be completed by Past/Current Employer ONLY: We would appreciate any information you may be able to give regarding their work performance, including your candid appraisal of the applicant's suitability for this position. W hatever statement you make will be kept in strict confidence.							
	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	
Quality of Work							
Punctuality/Attendance							
Dependability/Attitude							
Health/Personal Appearance							
Relationship to Co-Workers							
Relationship to Public							
Is this individual eligible for rehire with your company? If not, please explain:							
Your Name & Title: Date:							
Contact Information: email:_			Pho	ne:			

Thank you for your cooperation and please do not hesitate to call me at the number or email above should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

