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CITY OF MILFORD

OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAM NO. 24-40

PARALEGAL

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

POSTING DATE: April 5, 2024 CLOSING DATE: April 19, 2024

NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS: This opening is available to all City employees and the general public.

*SALARY RANGES: The position is a Grade C-03 with weekly salary limits as follows:

Minimum	\$1,272.03
Step 1	\$1,335.63
Step 2	

GENEROUS BENEFITS: The City offers the following benefits:

- Medical & Dental insurance effective 1st day of hire
- Traditional Pension Plan/Defined Benefit Plan (10-year vesting)
- o 457 Saving Plan
- o Free Life Insurance
- Weekly Pay
- o 37.5 hrs. Workweek

- Paid Time Off Separate Vacation Pay, Sick Pay, Personal Business Pay, Bereavement Pay
- o Paid Holidays 13 days per year
- o Employee Assistance Program
- Free Access to Employee Fitness Center
- o Wellness Initiatives

<u>SUMMARY OF POSITION</u>: Under the general direction of the City Attorney or designee performs varied day-to-day operations of administrative duties which are technical and complex in nature in compliance with the City Attorney's office. Work involves considerable independent judgment and a high degree of responsibility. This position has regular public interaction and bears responsibility for protecting confidential information.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: A Bachelor's degree in legal studies and one (1) year of experience providing paraprofessional legal assistance to an attorney; OR an Associate's degree in legal studies and three (3) years of experience providing paraprofessional legal assistance to an attorney; OR completion of a Paralegal or Legal Assistance Certificate Program approved by the American Bar Association and three (3) years of experience providing paraprofessional legal assistance to an attorney; OR completion of a Paralegal or Legal Assistance Certificate Program consisting of a minimum of twenty-four (24) semester hours from an accredited college or university and four (4) years of experience providing paraprofessional legal assistance to an attorney; OR completion of a Paralegal or Legal Assistance Certificate Program from a business school approved by the State of Connecticut, Office of Higher Education and four (4) years of experience providing paraprofessional legal assistance to an attorney; OR any equivalent combination of formal education/training and/or professional work experience.

<u>FILING REQUIREMENTS:</u> A completed <u>Employment Application, resume and cover letter</u> must be submitted on or before <u>April 19, 2024</u>, to the Human Resources Department, Parsons Government Complex, 70 W. River St., Milford, CT or <u>HRrecruit@milfordct.gov.</u> For forms and detailed application instructions, go to www.ci.milford.ct.us/hr/pages/jobs then select Paralegal. A resume will not be accepted in lieu of a completed job application. Incomplete or illegible applications will be rejected.

PARALEGAL

GENERAL SUMMARY OF DUTIES

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ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

(The essential functions or duties listed below are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. Work that is similar, related or logically associated with the Position may also be assigned.)

- Perform administrative duties such as file organization, logistic management, maintain pleadings, discovery and return of record indexes, calendar hearings and deadlines, etc.
- Draft and file pleadings with state and federal courts.
- Organize exhibits, records and other documents.
- Assist attorneys with interrogatories and other discovery responses and requests.
- Research public records, including land records, municipal records, land use records, GIS mapping and gather other relevant information from a variety of sources.
- Monitor all workflow within the City Attorney's office.
- Serves as liaison between attorneys, City departments and other third parties.
- Attend departmental and other meetings as needed.
- Assist with trial preparation.
- Prepare annual department budget for approval and submittal to the Finance Department.
- Submit payments for invoices and assist City Attorney in monitoring expenses within the budget.
- Independently and accurately compose, type, process, proofread and record correspondence applying a knowledge of rules, regulations and policies.
- Monitor schedules/calendars for department.
- Monitor deadlines, responses owed to counsel, boards, commissions, as well as administrative and judicial authorities.
- Answer questions on legal matters after consultation with attorney; refer matters which require policy decisions.
- Compile information for narrative, fiscal and statistical reports; determine appropriate report format.
- Respond to requests for information; resolve complaints, inaccuracies in documentation or other situations requiring diplomacy and tact.
- Coordinate purchases, repairs, maintenance, renewals, etc. of office equipment/supplies and service contracts within budget.
- Operate a variety of office equipment including, but not limited to, computer, copier/printer, fax machine, and scanner.
- Protect confidential information; record actions to be taken on sensitive matters.
- Perform related work as required.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES

- Proven working experience as a paralegal.
- Highly organized with ability to navigate multiple deadlines, manage priorities and workflow in a fast-paced environment.
- Strong writing and communication skills along with attention to detail.
- Knowledge of legal terminology.
- Demonstrated knowledge of legal office confidentiality and organization policies, procedures and requirements preferred.
- Applicable knowledge of public records, including land records, motions, discovery, court rules and procedures.

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- Ability to research and maintain records pertaining to City Attorney actions and other documents related to City business and prepare reports from such records.
- Ability to learn specific laws, ordinances, codes and regulations applicable to the operations of department.
- Ability to plan, develop and implement office procedures and prioritize and schedule workflow.
- Computer proficiency, including the use of Microsoft Office suite (Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint), database management programs, records management systems as well as ability and eagerness to learn new programs.
- Considerable knowledge of modern office practices and procedures.
- Ability to prioritize, multi-task, problem-solve, make decisions, meet deadlines and work both independently and in a team capacity.
- Ability to maintain strict confidentiality and establish and maintain satisfactory work relationships with the public and other employees in a tactful and courteous manner.
- Ability to write legibly and type accurately at least 35 words per minute and compose letters and emails.
- Ability to use standard office equipment including, but not limited to personal computer, copier, scanner, fax machine, etc.

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JOB ENVIRONMENT

This job operates in a professional office environment. Routinely uses standard office equipment such as computer, phones, photocopiers, scanners, filing cabinets and fax machines. The setting is a busy, open area office with constant interruptions. The position calls for frequent contact with the other City departments, City employees, vendors, contractors and members of the public. Contacts are in person, in writing, and by telephone.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

The physical demands described herein 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 individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. Hand-eye coordination is necessary to operate computers and various types of tools and equipment. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, prolonged visual concentration and the ability to adjust focus. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to sit, stand, walk, talk, and hear; use of hands and fingers to handle, feel, or operate objects, tools or controls and reach with arms. Occasionally required to bend, crouch or kneel. Occasionally must lift and/or move up to 25 pounds.

The City of Milford, CT is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and does not discriminate against otherwise qualified applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, gender identity of expression, or veteran status.

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- Founded 1639 -70 West River Street, Milford, CT 06460 (203) 783-3239 HRrecruit@milfordct.gov Human Resources Department

APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT & EXAMINATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION:

THIS APPLICATION FORM CONSTITUTES A PART OF THE EXAMINATION PROCESS.

Every section must be completed in full even if resume or other supporting documents are attached. You should not direct this Office to refer to a resume for information that is being asked on the application form. You must answer <u>all</u> questions completely and accurately in order for your application to be given the proper consideration.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATION WILL BE REJECTED.

- LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Applications must be <u>received</u> in the Human Resources Department by the application deadline as stated on the job announcement. You must complete an application form in ink or typed print. You can complete an application form online at the City's website and print the application. You must sign your application in ink or with digital signature. Application closing dates are noted on each job announcement.
- ALL APPLICANTS SHOULD READ THE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE JOB FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING. Specific job requirements will be noted under the section titled "Minimum Qualification Requirements."
- EACH SECTION IN THE APPLICATION FORM MUST BE COMPLETED. You can use additional sheets of papers to attach to your application if you need more space to provide complete information, especially as it pertains to your employment history. <u>Applications submitted without completing each section will be rejected</u>.
- LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS required for the position you are applying for must be listed and you must provide a copy of any and all licenses and certifications required, as stated on the job announcement. Applications submitted without providing a copy of the required licenses/certifications will be rejected.
- YOU MUST ATTACH A CLEAR COPY OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE TO THE APPLICATION FORM if the job for which you are applying requires a driver's license. Applications submitted without providing a copy of your driver license will be rejected.
- YOU MUST COMPLETE EACH SECTION OF EMPLOYMENT HISTORY. You must complete "Describe Work Performed" completely. Do not write "see resume" in lieu of completing this information on the application form. Applications submitted without completing each line of this section will be rejected.
- COMPLETING THE INVITATION TO SELF-IDENTIFY IS VOLUNTARY. This information is needed to meet Federal and State reporting requirements and is also used to evaluate the effectiveness of our recruiting and testing procedures. This sheet is not seen by anyone making the hiring decision. Applications will not be rejected if you choose not to complete this voluntary information section.

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION



Human Resources Department City of Milford 70 West River Street Milford, CT 06460 (203) 783-3239

Position applying for	Date

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On the next page, list ALL present and past employment in reverse chronological order BEGINNING WITH YOUR MOST RECENT EMPLOYMENT. Applicants may be required to furnish satisfactory proof of employment history. Use additional pages if necessary. Include resume with completed application, however, resume WILL NOT substitute completion of application.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY CONTINUED			
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ONLY COMPLETE THE SECTIONS BELOW IF THEY ARE RELEVANT TO THE POSITION YOU HAVE APPLIED SPECIAL SKILLS/TRAINING Typing speed: words per minute Business machines (other than computers) you are able to operate: What computer experience do you have? Apple ☐ PC Your skill level in Word can best be described as: Your skill level in Excel can best be described as: Your skill level in Outlook can best be described as: Your skill level in PowerPoint can best be described as: Your skill level in Access can best be described as: Your skill level in Acrobat can best be described as: Your skill level in Publisher can best be described as: Describe any other software and level of skill or any other applicable abilities: SPECIAL SKILLS/TRAINING Please list/describe any specialized training, apprenticeship, certifications, licenses, skills, special skills and qualifications related to the job for which you are applying, such as machines you are able to operate, languages you speak and read or write well, computer skills besides those previously mentioned and any other special abilities or knowledge. Provide name and location where training was given, dates attended, subject of training, total number of training hours, and other details. Please also include any professional trade, business or civic activities and other offices held: (You may exclude membership which would reveal gender, race, religion, national origin, age, ancestry, disability or other protected status.) LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS, REGISTRATIONS If the position for which you are applying requires you to operate a vehicle, you must possess a valid driver's license and any special endorsements must be current and valid. NOTE: If applicable, if you are offered employment by the City of Milford, and if your driver's license is from another state, you will be required as a condition of employment to obtain a valid Connecticut Driver's License before you can begin work. No State ____ License # ____ Classification ____ Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes Expiration Date _____ Endorsements FINALISTS WILL BE REQUIRED, UPON NOTIFICATION, TO SUBMIT A COPY OF THEIR DRIVING ABSTRACT. Note: Driving abstracts may be obtained at any Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles office. This fee is at the finalist's expense. **PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES** List three professional colleagues who are not your relatives or employees of The City of Milford we may contact. Phone Relationship Name

IMPORTANT: Read each of the following sections carefully and completely. If you do not understand any portion of the statements that follow, ask for clarification. Your signature indicates that you have read and understand each of the provisions listed and that you agree to abide by the conditions stated therein.

NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: Testing arrangements to accommodate persons with disabilities will be made upon request of the applicant. If accommodation is requested, the applicant will be required to state what accommodation is needed.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION: Applicants selected for employment will be required to pass a medical examination given by a physician designated by the City of Milford.

PROBATIONARY PERIOD: Employees serve a probationary period as determined by City policy or by any applicable collective bargaining agreement. Termination of employment during the probationary period may be with or without cause and is not subject to any appeal process or grievance procedure of any applicable collective bargaining agreement.

DRUG POLICY: It is the policy of the City of Milford to maintain a drug free workplace. Employees who are observed in possession of or using controlled substances (drugs) will be terminated and may have criminal actions filed against them. Employees in certain positions are subject to Federal laws requiring pre-employment, post-accident, and random drug testing.

UPON EMPLOYMENT. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT STATEMENT

AGREEMENT: I CERTIFY THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE ON OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE, ACCURATE, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. I UNDERSTAND THAT INCOMPLETE, FALSE, INACCURATE, OR MISLEADING INFORMATION GIVEN IN MY APPLICATION, INTERVIEW(S) OR DURING THE COURSE OF MY EMPLOYMENT MAY RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF THIS APPLICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF A JOB OFFER. FURTHER, FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED, WHETHER WILLINGLY OR ACCIDENTALLY, MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINE OR IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL IF EMPLOYED, WHENEVER THE OMISSION OR FALSEHOOD IS DISCOVERED.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS APPLICATION IS NOT A CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT NOR IS IT A GUARANTEE OR INDICATION OF EMPLOYMENT. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT SHOULD I BE GRANTED AN INTERVIEW, THE REPRESENTATIONS THAT MAY BE MADE AT THE INTERVIEW ARE NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS CREATING ANY OBLIGATION, PROMISE OR CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MILFORD. SHOULD I BE EMPLOYED BY THE CITY, IN CONSIDERATION OF MY EMPLOYMENT, I AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL THE RULES, POLICIES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF MILFORD, AS THEY MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE IMPLEMENTED OR REVISED. IDENTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO WORK IN THE UNITED STATES MUST BE SATISFIED FOR EMPLOYMENT.

I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT IN CONSIDERATION FOR EMPLOYMENT, AN INVESTIGATIVE BACKGROUND REPORT MAY BE PREPARED AT THE REQUEST OF THE CITY OF MILFORD, WHEREBY INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM MY EMPLOYERS (PRESENT OR FORMER), EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, ALL BRANCHES OF THE U.S. MILITARY SERVICE, AND PUBLIC RECORDS MAINTAINED BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OR OTHERS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CRIMINAL CONVICTION REPORTS, CREDIT REPORTS, ETC. I AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF MILFORD AND ITS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE(S) TO PERFORM THIS INVESTIGATION, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZE PRESENT AND FORMER EMPLOYERS, REFERENCES AND OTHER PERSONS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR THE INVESTIGATION. I ALSO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF MILFORD TO RECEIVE CRIMINAL CONVICTION RECORDS PERTAINING TO ME, WHICH MAY BE IN THE FILES OF ANY CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY

I UNDERSTAND THAT ACCEPTANCE FOR EMPLOYMENT SHALL DEPEND ON SATISFACTORY REPLIES FROM MY REFERENCES AND OTHER BACKGROUND CHECKS. ANY OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT MAY BE CONTINGENT UPON PASSING A DRUG TEST AND MEDICAL EXAMINATION. I AUTHORIZE MEDICAL PROVIDER(S) TO RELEASE ANY/ALL MEDICAL INFORMATION TO THE CITY PURSUANT TO ITS PRE-EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL AND DRUG SCREEN PROCEDURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIPAA.

RELEASE: I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS ANY PERSON, CORPORATION, COMPANY FROM ANY AND ALL POSSIBLE DAMAGES, DIRECT OR CONSEQUENTIAL, IMMEDIATE OR REMOTE, OF ALL FORMS OR TYPES, THAT I MAY SUSTAIN OR ALLEGE TO SUSTAIN BY VIRTUE OF THAT PERSON, CORPORATION, COMPANY OR OTHER ENTITY COMPLYING WITH MY REQUEST TO FULLY AND COMPLETELY COMPLY WITH THE INVESTIGATION, INQUIRY OR INTERESTS OF THE CITY OF MILFORD, TO WHOM I HAVE MADE AN APPLICATION OF EMPLOYMENT AND IS THE BEARER OF THIS AUTHORIZATION.

I affirm and certify that I have read all of the information above and that all answers to the questions herein are complete, true and accurate to the best
of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation, falsification or omission of any facts may render this application void and will be cause for
disqualification, whenever discovered.

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INVITATION TO SELF-IDENTIFY

Position applying for

(use the title that appears on the job announcement)

SECTION 1: CANDIDATE INFORMATION

It is the policy of the City of Milford to recruit, hire, and promote qualified people in all job classifications regardless of age, race, gender, color, religion, creed, national origin, marital or veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability or any other legally protected status, unless they are bona-fide occupational qualifications.

The following information is needed for compliance with governmental reporting requirements. While completion of this section is voluntary, all applicants are strongly urged to complete this as part of the pre-employment process. Applicants so choosing, may identify on the form that they have chosen not to provide the City of Milford with the requested information by checking the appropriate box in Section 4. This information will not affect in any way your employment opportunities. The information obtained will be kept confidential and may only be used in accordance with the provisions of

applicable federal laws, exer Federal Government for civi		regulations, including those which require the information to be summarized and reported to the it purposes.		
SECTION 2: GENERAL	INFORMATION			
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What is your race/ethnic	city? <i>(Please ma</i>	rk the <u>ONE BOX</u> that describes the race/ethnicity category with which you primarily identify.)		
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SECTION 4: NON-PART	ICIPATION			
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SECTION 5: RECRUITING How did you hear about this				
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