**THE CITY OF**

**HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA**

***invites your interest in the position of***

**UTILITY ENGINEER**

**THE COMMUNITY**

Home to over 39,600 residents, the City of Hallandale Beach comprises 4.22 square miles and is conveniently located between Fort Lauderdale and Miami, next to Aventura with access to the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood and Miami International airports, Port Everglades, Port of Miami, and I-95. The City of [HallandaleBeach](http://showcasere.com/8924/dsp_agent_page.php/56601)is a beautiful oceanfront community located in the tropical paradise of South Florida.

The City of Hallandale Beach is known as a progressive community. The City proudly markets itself as a City of "Progress, Innovation, Opportunity." In par with its commitment to the health and well-being of its residents, the City is in the midst of implementing the Citywide Parks Master Plan and the City continues to earn the annual title as a *Playful City USA Community.* Also, the City continues its commitment to being green and for the 23rd consecutive year has been designated as a *Tree City USA Community.*

Founded largely as a way station between Palm Beach and Miami, the settlement of Hallandale was the vision of oil and railroad tycoon Henry Morrison Flagler. Flagler was extending his Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) south to Miami as he was seeking produce from the rich, fertile lands he acquired.

Luther Halland was the son-in-law of Henry Flagler's land commissioner, James Ingraham. The Swedish son of an Iowa minister, Luther Halland was enlisted to entice Swedish farming families to relocate to an area he named after himself, *Halland.* The first area plats were filed in 1898. There were 12 original families. The first Postmaster added "ale" and the settlement became *Hallandale.* With the settlement, came a stop along the FEC Railway to move produce to market. Tomatoes were the major cash crop at the turn of the 20th Century. Luther Halland operated the largest trading post in the area and Hallandale became a major stop.

During the 1920s, the community continued to grow, but at a slower pace than nearby communities. The settlement wanted to distinguish itself from Hollywood and incorporated on May 14, 1927. The Great Depression stymied the growth of all South Florida communities. Hallandale, which was growing at a slower pace, was not as devastated by the Depression. However, the population remained virtually unchanged from the housing boom of the 1920s through the 1940s, with a difference of about 300 residents.

Gambling played a role in the growth of the town. Mardi Gras Casino (originally the Hollywood Kennel Club), located on U.S. 1 and Pembroke Road, opened in 1934 as the first legalized gambling complex in Hallandale.

In 1939, Gulfstream Park opened on U.S. 1 and closed its doors three days later. James Donn, who had been part owner of Hialeah Park and Tropical Park, purchased the thoroughbred racing complex and re-opened it in 1944. Since then, the racetrack has thrived and has become the winter showplace for racing on the East Coast and the stepping stone for numerous Kentucky Derby winners.

In the decade of the 1950's and early 1960's, Hallandale enjoyed a growth spurt. The population swelled from just over 3,800 in 1950 to almost 21,000 residents by 1966. High-rise condominiums and apartments were being built along the beach and east of Federal Highway; Hallandale was booming. After a lull in development, the City entered another growth spurt and grew to 36,000 residents by 1980. The U.S. Census Bureau shows an exodus during the next decade, before the City once again started to grow. During this time, the City's population began evolving from a predominantly retirement population to a younger Community. In 1990, the average age of residents was 64.1 years of age; 52.7 years of age in 2000, and 46.7 years of age in 2010 according to the 2010, *U .S. Census Bureau statistics.*

Learn more by visiting the official site of the City of Hallandale Beach at:

[www.hallandalebeachfl.gov](http://www.hallandalebeachfl.gov)

**PUBLIC WORKS – ENGINEER DIVISION AND THE UTILITY ENGINEER POSITION**

The Engineer Division of the Department of Public Works includes two (2) Project Managers, two (2) Engineer I, Utility Engineer and Public Works Inspector. The Utility Engineer is a new position to the existing team.

Under general direction of the Assistant Director of Public Works/City Engineer, the Utility Engineer performs complex professional, technical and administrative office and engineering work for Public Works Utilities, environmental and other Public Works projects and programs ensuring technical competence and compliance with all codes and criteria.

The Utility Engineer also provides engineering support to Utilities Division Planning for various projects and planning needs including project management, plan review, modeling support and various technical issues.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS and ABILITIES**

In evaluating applicants for this position, the City will be looking for candidates who have but are not limited to the following:

* Through knowledge of civil engineering principles, practices and methods as applicable to a municipal setting.
* Project Management experience.
* Design experience with water and sewer infrastructure.
* Through knowledge of applicable City policies, laws and regulations affecting Division activities.
* Proficient using AutoCAD.
* Proficient using Water CAD and Sewer CAD models.
* GIS knowledge preferable.
* Considerable skill in arriving at cost estimates on complex projects.
* Considerable skills in the use of computer and software, drafting tools, surveying equipment including level, theodolite and electronic distance measuring devices, smart phone and mobile radio.
* Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
* Conduct necessary engineering research and compile comprehensive reports.
* Must be physically capable of working on construction sites and under adverse field conditions.

**EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

The successful candidate will have a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university in civil or general engineering and five (5) years of experience in water/wastewater/stormwater civil engineering. He/she will have Certification from FEMA, NIMS IS-700, IS-800, IS-100, IS-200 or the ability to receive certification within one (1) month of employment. He/she will also be a Florida Registered Professional Engineer (PE).

**COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS**

Depending on qualifications and experience, the intended starting salary for the position is expected to be within the annual salary range of **$66,705 - $77,376** for the Utility Engineer.

Employee benefits are competitive, generous and include:

* Paid Health Insurance with Employer Supplemented Dependent Insurance.
* Paid Dental Insurance with Employer Supplemented Dependent Insurance.
* Paid Vision Insurance.
* Paid Life and AD&D Insurance.
* 401(a) Retirement Plan and Deferred Compensation Plan.
* Paid Holidays.
* Generous Paid Vacation and Sick Time off.
* And More.

**HOW TO APPLY**

For additional information on this outstanding opportunity, please contact W. D. Higginbotham, Jr., Senior Vice President, The Mercer Group, Inc. at 727-214-8673, **WDHiggin@mercergroupinc.com**

**While resumes will be accepted through July 8, 2016, a periodic review and interview of candidates may be conducted in the interim.**

**A letter of interest and resume should be sent electronically by July 8, 2016 to:**

**W. D. Higginbotham, Jr.**

**Senior Vice President**

**The Mercer Group, Inc.**

**WDHiggin@mercergroupinc.com**

*Resumes are subject to the provisions of Florida Public Records Statutes*

*The City of Hallandale Beach is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The City of Hallandale Beach does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, sex, age, marital status, national origin, political ideas, or disability in employment or in the provision of services.*

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