

# Jackson Parish Police Jury

## Post Offer Pre-employment Medical Examination Policy

Adopted by the Jackson Parish Police Jury effective March 11, 2019

### I. Introduction

It is the policy of the Jackson Parish Police Jury (Police Jury) that certain prospective employees submit to a post-offer, pre-employment medical examination to determine whether they possess the fitness to perform the essential functions of the jobs for which they have been offered employment when the essential duties of the job involve substantial physical requirements.

### II. Affected Classifications

For each job classification listed below, candidates will be offered employment on a conditional basis, pending the results of a work-related medical examination. Other classifications may be added as the Policy Jury deems necessary and appropriate.

- A. General Laborer
- B. Operator I
- C. Operator II
- D. Specialty Equipment Operator
- E. Mechanic
- F. Administrative Clerk
- G. Supervisor
- H. Superintendent

#### III. Procedure

- A. A functional job analysis for the position at issue will be completed showing how much lifting, bending, twisting, and other physical requirements are involved in the affected positions. The job analysis will be provided to the health care practitioner(s) conducting the medical examination so that their exam is effective and work-related. The analysis will also be used to communicate essential qualifications on personnel requisitions, postings and during interviews.
- B. Each position description in the affected job classifications shall designate the physical requirements of the job as determined by the functional job analysis. Position announcements for jobs in these classifications are to state, "Job will be offered on condition of meeting the predetermined essential physical requirements for the job. A medical examination is required."
- C. The examination will be required of all candidates in the designated job classification. In addition to candidates, this policy also applies to current Police Jury employees transferring

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from another job classification, unless they have previously passed probation in the affected classification.

- D. The Police Jury will use the results of the medical examination to:
  - 1. Ensure that applicants who have received employment offers can perform, with or without accommodation, the essential functions of the job in question.
  - 2. Determine whether there are any accommodations which would permit the employee to perform the essential functions of the job.
  - 3. Sensitize applicants to their physical limitations so that they can avoid activities leading to injury or illness.
  - 4. Identify if the applicant would pose a direct threat to health or safety of themselves or others.
- E. All medical examinations will be performed by medical practitioners as designated by the Police Jury and will be paid by the employer. Only job specific information, based on the onsite job analysis, will be given to the Police Jury by the physician.
- F. At the time of verbal offer, the applicant will be advised that, as a condition of offer for the position, the Police Jury will require the applicant to have a medical examination to evaluate his / her ability to perform the essential job functions. Once a verbal offer has been made, a written offer letter will be prepared and mailed to the applicant. This letter will indicate that the position has been offered on a conditional basis, contingent upon the satisfactory results of a medical examination and drug screen. The results will be considered satisfactory if it is determined that the applicant can perform the essential functions of the position, with or without accommodation.
- G. The offer letter will explain how medical examination appointments are arranged and that failure to appear for the medical examination may be considered a rejection of the conditional job offer. The Medical Examination Consent Form will be enclosed. The applicant will fill out one section, the physician, the other. Upon completion, this form will be returned to the Secretary-Treasurer.
- H. A copy of the offer letter, job description and the functional job analysis form will be sent to the health care practitioner conducting the examination, notifying them that the Police Jury has extended a conditional offer and the need for this applicant to have a pre-employment medical examination.

### IV. Results of Medical Exam

A. All applicants that receive a satisfactory result on the post offer, pre-employment medical examination are to be placed in the job.

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- B. If the medical examination is not satisfactory, the Police Jury may withdraw the offer of employment. Disqualification from the job offer will be job related and consistent with business necessity, including, but not necessarily limited to, failure to meet the physical requirements, inability to perform the essential functions, with or without reasonable accommodation, posing a direct threat to the safety of themselves or others, or if accommodations would place an undue hardship on the Police Jury, in accordance with the American's with Disabilities Act.
- C. The Police Jury is committed to compliance with the American's with Disabilities Act and similar state laws and will engage in the interactive process with an employee who requests accommodation.

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