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CITY MAKING IT EASIER TO OBTAIN CLASS B LICENSES

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LYNN – The city is making it easier for residents to obtain their Class B commercial driver’s license, opening the door to a range of employment opportunities.

As part of a collaboration between the Department of Public Works and the Salem-based MassHire North Shore Career Center, Lynn residents have the chance to obtain a Class B license for little or no cost, which is based on income criteria.

Jobs for someone with a Class B CDL include Department of Public Works mechanics, maintenance workers, snow fighters, and more. To review positions with the city that are currently available, visit lynnma.gov and click on job postings. Those obtaining the Class B license would potentially have access to not only positions in the city, but also the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission and other openings that require this license.

“We have had trouble attracting candidates with a CDL,” DPW Commissioner Andy Hall said. “That is a requirement to work here, so anything we can do to address that is a positive.”

MassHire North Shore Executive Director Paul Ventresca said his organization can help the city recruit potential employees by providing the training necessary for certain jobs.

“We will streamline the process and be a support structure for the city, providing training for eligible candidates that have been laid off or are unemployed and seeking a new career as well as existing employees who need the certification and meet the income criteria,” Ventresca said.

Mayor Jared Nicholson said the partnership with MassHire is beneficial to the city and its residents.

“There is significant expense typically associated with this type of training, so to be able to provide this opportunity for our residents is of great value,” Nicholson said. “Additionally, possessing a commercial driver’s license increases the earning potential of an individual, so we really want to give people the ability to improve the financial situation of themselves and their families.”

The MassHire North Shore Career Center connects job seekers with businesses through a regional network of employment professionals.

Those interested in obtaining their Class B CDL should contact the North Shore WIB at 978-741-3805 or visit masshire-northshorewb.com.