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Watergate burglar works for Miami

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MIAMI — Convicted Watergate burglar Bernard Barker has been hired as a \$9,556-a-year sanitation inspector for the City of Miami and will wear a uniform and a badge.

Barker, 58, will start his job Tuesday. C. R. Jones, director of the Department of Sanitation, said Barker will be responsible for enforcing sanitation codes. He will be authorized to issue citations but not to make arrests.

Barker and three other men spent a year in jail for the June 1972 break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters in Washington in the incident that touched off the Watergate scandal.

He also was convicted of breaking into the office of the psychiatrist of Pentagon papers figure Daniel Ellsberg.

Officials said Barker, released from prison on July 11, 1974, got the job through a Manpower federal training program, designed to provide emergency work for the unemployed. Barker, who had been a real-estate agent before his arrest, will be paid by the federal government under the Compensation Employment Training Act of 1973.

Mario Molins, city Manpower director, said Barker met the requirements of the act, which says an applicant must be a resident of the city and unemployed for 15 days. No civil-service test is required, he said.

(Note for Chronology: earlier story on Barker entered 14 Aug 74.)