

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS *File*

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July 20, 2022

The Honorable Byron Ryder
Leon County Judge
P. O. Box 429
Centerville, TX 75833

and


Sheriff Kevin Ellis
Leon County Sheriff
P. O. Box 278
Centerville, TX 75833-0278

Dear Judge Ryder and Sheriff Ellis,

Pursuant to the provisions of V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 511.011 and Title 37, Texas Administrative Code (Chapter 297, Section 5, Texas Minimum Jail Standards), you are hereby notified that the jail in your county fails to comply with minimum standards established under V.T.C.A. Local Government Code, Chapter 351, and the rules of this Commission, and that appropriate corrective measures must be initiated. A reasonable completion date for corrective measures should be set. Failure to initiate appropriate corrective action may cause a remedial order to be issued and enforced, or other appropriate action taken. **In accordance with Chapter 297, Section 6, Texas Minimum Jail Standards, please notify this agency in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice as to actions initiated.**

The attached page(s) indicate minimum standards violated, corrective measures required, and date by which corrective measures must be initiated. Please reference the Special Inspection Requirements Review and Special Jail Inspection Report issued on July 12, 2022, detailing the specific issues that resulted in the issuance of this notice of non-compliance.

Issued this 20th day of July 2022
Texas Commission on Jail Standards

By  _____
Brandon S. Wood, Executive Director

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS - INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

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Richard Morgan, TCJS Complaint Inspector

Facility Name: Leon County Jail

Date: July 12, 2022

Chapter	Title	Comments
259	New Construction	Deficiency: During the investigation of a complaint related to overcrowding, it was discovered that Leon County had 9 inmates housed in area H, which is a multiple occupancy cell and may not exceed 8 inmates. Technical assistance provided: Administration will provide a plan of action to correct this deficiency within 7 days, and submit daily population reports to byron.shelton@tcjs.state.tx.us and cathi.williamson@tcjs.state.tx.us until corrected.
261	Existing Construction	
263	Life Safety	
265	Admission	
267	Release	
269	Records/Procedures	
271	Classification	Deficiency: During the investigation of a complaint related to overcrowding, it was discovered that Leon County housed females in areas E and F, in close proximity to male inmates. Technical assistance provided: Administration will submit a plan of action to correct this deficiency within 7 days as well as submit a weekly report showing the housing of female and male inmates to byron.shelton@tcjs.state.tx.us and cathi.williamson@tcjs.state.tx.us until the deficiency is corrected.
273	Health Services	
275	Supervision	Deficiency: During the investigation of a complaint related to overcrowding, it was discovered that Leon County did not meet the 1:48 ratio of staff to inmates. Technical assistance provided: Administration will submit a plan within 14 days to correct this deficiency, and submit weekly duty rosters to byron.shelton@tcjs.state.tx.us and cathi.williamson@tcjs.state.tx.us until the deficiency is corrected.
277	Personal Hygiene	
279	Sanitation	
281	Food Service	
283.1	Discipline	
283.3	Grievance	
285	Exercise	
287	Education/Library	
289	Work Assignments	
291.1	Telephone	
291.2	Correspondence	
291.3	Commissary	
291.4	Visitation	
291.5	Religious Practices	
xxx	Variances	
xxx	Remedial Orders	
xxx	Complaints	
xxx	CCQ	

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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE LEON COUNTY JAIL

July 20, 2022

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on July 12, 2022, detailing the specific issues that resulted in the issuance of this notice of non-compliance.

Minimum Standards Violated:	Corrective Measure Required	Date Corrective Action Must Be Completed
259.134	<p>Multiple occupancy cells shall contain two to eight bunks and not less than 40 square feet of clear floor space for the first bunk plus 18 square feet of clear floor space for each additional bunk. Each multiple occupancy cell shall have one toilet and lavatory. Multiple occupancy cells should not be provided in direct supervision facilities.</p> <p>During the investigation of a complaint related to overcrowding, it was discovered that Leon County had 9 inmates housed in area H, which is a multiple occupancy cell and may not exceed 8 inmates.</p>	Upon receipt of this notice.
271.1	<p>Female inmates shall be separated by sight and sound from male inmates. When under direct, visual and proximate supervision, males and females may simultaneously participate in work and program activities.</p> <p>During the investigation of a complaint related to overcrowding, it was discovered that Leon County housed females in areas E and F, in close proximity to male inmates.</p>	Upon receipt of this notice.
275.4	<p>Inmates shall be supervised by an adequate number of jailers to comply with state law and this chapter. One jailer shall be provided on each floor of the facility where 10 or more inmates are housed, with no less than 1 jailer per 48 inmates or increment thereof on each floor for direct inmate supervision. This jailer shall provide documented visual inmate supervision not less than once every 60 minutes.</p>	Upon receipt of this notice.

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Sufficient staff to include supervisors, jailers and other essential personnel as accepted by the Commission shall be provided to perform required functions. A plan concurred in by both commissioners' court and sheriff's office, which provides for adequate and reasonable staffing of a facility, may be submitted to the Commission for approval. This rule shall not preclude the Texas Commission on Jail Standards from requiring staffing in excess of minimum requirements when deemed necessary to provide a safe, suitable, and sanitary facility nor preclude submission of variance requests as provided by statute or Chapter 299 of this title.

During the investigation of a complaint related to overcrowding, it was discovered that Leon County did not meet the 1:48 ratio of staff to inmates.