

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

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Dallas

September 6, 2022

Honorable Clay Jenkins
Dallas County Judge
411 Elm Street
Dallas, TX 75202

and


Sheriff Marian Brown
Dallas County Sheriff's Office
133 N. Riverfront Blvd LB-31
Dallas, TX 75207-4313

Dear Judge Jenkins and Sheriff Brown,

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 Jail Special Inspection Report issued on September 6, 2022, detailing the specific issues that resulted in the issuance of this notice of non-compliance.

Issued this 6th day of September 2022
Texas Commission on Jail Standards

By  _____
Brandon S. Wood, Executive Director

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Judge Bill Stoudt, Longview, Chair
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS - INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

Wendy Wisneski

Wendy Wisneski, TCJS Inspector

Facility Name: Dallas County Jail

Date: September 6, 2022

| Chapter | Title | Comments |
|---------|-----------------------|---|
| 259 | New Construction | Not applicable. |
| 261 | Existing Construction | Not applicable. |
| 263 | Life Safety | Not applicable. |
| 265 | Admission | Not applicable. |
| 267 | Release | Not applicable. |
| 269 | Records/Procedures | Not applicable. |
| 271 | Classification | Not applicable. |
| 273 | Health Services | Not applicable. |
| 275 | Supervision | Deficiency noted. Technical assistance provided - A review of video submitted after a custodial death revealed that observation rounds were not conducted as mandated by minimum jail standards. Jail administration shall submit a corrective plan of action to this inspector, as well as to Inspector Gravitt, within 30 days, which shall include training for all jail staff on proper face-to-face observations. |
| 277 | Personal Hygiene | Not applicable. |
| 279 | Sanitation | Not applicable. |
| 281 | Food Service | Not applicable. |
| 283.1 | Discipline | Not applicable. |
| 283.3 | Grievance | Not applicable. |
| 285 | Exercise | Not applicable. |
| 287 | Education/Library | Not applicable. |
| 289 | Work Assignments | Not applicable. |
| 291.1 | Telephone | Not applicable. |
| 291.2 | Correspondence | Not applicable. |
| 291.3 | Commissary | Not applicable. |
| 291.4 | Visitation | Not applicable. |
| 291.5 | Religious Practices | Not applicable. |
| xxx | Variances | Not applicable. |
| xxx | Remedial Orders | Not applicable. |
| xxx | Complaints | Not applicable. |
| xxx | CCQ | Not applicable. |

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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE DALLAS COUNTY JAIL

September 6, 2022

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on September 6, 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 |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| 275.1 | <p>Every facility shall have the appropriate number of jailers at the facility 24 hours a day. Facilities shall have an established procedure for documented, face to face observation of all inmates by jailer no less than once every 60 minutes. Observation shall be performed at least every 30 minutes in areas where inmates known to be assaultive, potentially suicidal, mentally ill, or who have demonstrated bizarre behavior are confined.</p> <p>A review of video submitted after a custodial death revealed that observation rounds were not conducted in accordance with minimum jail standards.</p> | Upon receipt of this notice. |

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"The Commission on Jail Standards welcomes all suggestions and will promptly respond to all complaints directed against the agency or any facilities under its purview".
To empower local government to provide safe, secure and suitable local jail facilities through proper rules and procedures while promoting innovative programs and ideas