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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE BAYLOR COUNTY JAIL

May 30, 2024

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on May 28, 2024, 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
259.138(a)	<p>One or more holding cells shall be provided to hold inmates pending intake, processing, release, or other reason for temporary holding. Inmates shall not be held for more than 48 hours.</p> <p>Baylor County submitted an operation plan on January 22, 2013, stating the cells would only be used for the safety and security of the inmates brought to the Baylor County Courthouse for court appearances. This plan was approved by the commission on January 24, 2023. Baylor County is currently using the court holding cells to temporarily house inmates who are awaiting transfer to other counties following arrest. Staff will cease using court-holding cells for new arrests immediately.</p>	Upon receipt of this notice.
259.138(b)(2)	<p>Holding Cells - Remote Holding Cells. Holding cells that are separate from the facility and utilized for direct court holding, processing, or for inmates awaiting transportation. Inmates shall not be held for more than 4 hours and the cell shall include the following features. Plumbing. Cells shall be provided with adequate toilets, lavatories capable of providing drinking water.</p> <p>During the walk through of the court holding cells it was determined the toilet/lavatory combos had been removed due to corrosion.</p>	Upon receipt of this notice.

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Fire Prevention Plan - Each facility, after consultation with the local fire department or Texas Commission on Fire Protection, shall have and implement a written plan, approved by the Commission on Jail Standards, for fire prevention and a fire hazard inspection checklist which shall be evaluated no less than each calendar quarter. The facility shall be inspected annually by a local fire official who is certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection or who meets the alternative criteria provided in Government Code 419.909 and shall pass the inspection.

The fire official inspection was last conducted on February 21, 2022. This placed the inspection overdue by 15 months.

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this notice.**