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July 30, 2025

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

and

Sheriff Marian Brown
Dallas County Sheriff
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 Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on July 22, 2025, detailing the specific issues that resulted in the issuance of this notice of non-compliance.

Issued this 30th day of July 2025
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

Dallas County

Dallas, Texas

July 22, 2025

Date(s) of Inspection

SUBJECT: **Special Inspection Report**

State Law requires periodic inspections of county jail facilities (VTCA, Local Government Code, Chapter 351, VTCA, Government Code, Chapter 511; Chapter 297.8, Texas Commission on Jail Standards).

- ☒ The facility was inspected on the date(s) indicated above, and it was determined that deficiencies exist. You are urged: (1) to give these areas of noncompliance your serious and immediate consideration; and (2) to promptly initiate and complete appropriate corrective measures. The Commission is available to discuss or assist you with the appropriate corrective measures required.

Failure to initiate and complete corrective measures following receipt of the Notice of Noncompliance may result in the issuance of a Remedial Order (Chapter 297.8, et seq.).

- ☐ This facility was inspected on the date(s) indicated above. There were no deficiencies noted and upon review of this report by the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, a certificate of Compliance may be issued per the requirements of VTCA, Chapter 511 and Texas Minimum Jail Standards.

Authenticated:

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Chris Keith, TCJS Complaint Inspector

	7/30/2025
Received by:	Date
	7/23/2025
Reviewed by:	Date

cc: Judge
Sheriff

Individuals and/or entities regulated by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards shall direct all complaints regarding the commission procedures and functions to the Executive Director at: P.O. Box 12985 Austin, Texas 78711 (512) 463-5505 Fax (512) 463-3185 or at our agency website at www.tcjs.state.tx.us.

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By Cathi Williamson at 9:11 am, Jul 30, 2025

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS - INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW



Chris Keith, TCJS Inspector

Facility Name: Dallas County

Date: July 22, 2025

Chapter	Title	Comments
259	New Construction	Deficiency noted: Technical Assistance Provided: During a review of Complaint #41393 received for an inmate in the Dallas County Jail, it was found that he was kept in a holding cell from May 6, 2025 1142 P.M. to May 9, 2025 126 P.M while waiting to be relocated from one housing unit to another. During a review from a separate inmate in Complaint #40919. It was found that this inmate was also in a holding cell from March 29, 2025 5:25 A.M. to April 1, 2025 3:40 P.M. while waiting on maintenance repairs for his cell. Follow up action required: The Dallas County Jail will submit a corrective plan of action demonstrating staff will be trained on policy of keeping inmates in a holding cell no more that 48 hours.
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	Technical Assistance Provided: - Medication Administration Records (MAR) reviewed failed to show that medication is distributed in accordance with written instructions from a physician. Mar sheets were found to show two days where medications were not documented, 6 of 168 as given or refused for the morning medication rounds for May 8, 2025 and May 9, 2025. Follow-up action required - Within the next 30 days, the administration will develop a plan of action to address the proper documentation of medication distribution. Administration will also scan and email a random 1 Medication Administration records to this inspector for the next 30 days.
275	Supervision	Not Applicable.
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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JAIL INSPECTION REPORT**

Facility Name: Dallas County

Date: July 22, 2025



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Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
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1	259.138	(a)	(a) 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 and the cell shall include the following features.
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During a review for complaints #41393 and #40919 received for the Dallas County Jail, it was determined that two separate inmates were held in a holding cell for more than 48 hours while waiting to be rehoused from one housing location to another.

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Technical Assistance

Facility Name: Dallas County

Date: July 22, 2025



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| 2 | 273.2 | (7) | <p>(7) provide procedures for the distribution of prescriptions in accordance with written instructions from a physician by an appropriate person designated by the sheriff/operator;</p> <p>During a review for a Complaint received for the Dallas County Jail, it was determined that an inmate did not receive prescribed medication on two occasions during morning medication rounds while waiting to be rehoused from a holding cell.</p> |

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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE DALLAS COUNTY JAIL

July 23, 2025

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on July 22, 2025, 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)	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 and the cell shall include the following features. During a review for complaints #41393 and #40919 received for the Dallas County Jail, it was determined that two separate inmates were held in a holding cell for more than 48 hours while waiting to be rehoused from one housing location to another.	Upon receipt of this notice.

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