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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE HOUSTON COUNTY JAIL

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Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued September 15, 2026, 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
271.1	(1) inmates shall be classified and housed in the least restrictive housing available without jeopardizing staff, inmates or the public, utilizing risk factors which include any or all of the following:	Upon receipt of this notice.

During the review of classification records, the Inspector noted that eight of the fourteen inmate classification files selected for review were scored incorrectly using the facility's Objective Classification Plan. As a result of these classification errors, inmate housing assignments were also affected. A review of current housing assignments identified three inmates who were housed inappropriately, as facility records indicated that minimum- and maximum-custody inmates were not housed separately in accordance with established classification requirements.

271.1(4)	(4) minimum and maximum custody level inmates shall be housed separately. All other custody level inmates should be housed separately. When under direct, visual supervision, inmates of different custody levels may simultaneously participate in work and program activities;	Upon receipt of this notice.
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