

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

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September 7, 2022

The Honorable Lina Hidalgo
Harris County Judge
1001 Preston, Ste. 911
Houston, TX 77002-1817

and


Sheriff Ed Gonzalez
Harris County Sheriff
1200 Baker Street
Houston, TX 77002

Dear Judge Hidalgo and Sheriff Gonzalez,

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 7, 2022, detailing the specific issues that resulted in the issuance of this notice of non-compliance.

Issued this 7th day of September 2022
Texas Commission on Jail Standards

By 
Brandon S. Wood, Executive Director

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Judge Bill Stouff, Longview, Chair
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Zachary Aguirre

Zachary Aguirre, TCJS Complaint Inspector

Facility | Harris County Jail

Date: September 7, 2022

Chapter	Title	Comments
259	New Construction	Deficiency: During the investigation of complaint regarding inmate Helen Subeka it was determined that 64 inmates remained in holding cells in excess of 48 hours. Technical assistance provided: Harris County administration will develop and submit a plan of action to correct and prevent holding for longer than 48 hours within 30 days of receipt of this notice to Byron Shelton and Cathi Williamson.
261	Existing Construction	Not applicable.
263	Life Safety	Not applicable.
265	Admission	Technical Assistance: During the investigation of complaint regarding inmate Helen Subeka it was determined that an inmate had been kept in holding for longer than 48 hours. This includes the "open" areas of booking and the holding cells. This inmate was in holding from 8/13/2022 at 1828 hours until 8/17/2022 at 2131 hours. Totaling 99 hours before being housed. Technical Assistance provided: Harris County will submit a plan demonstrating how inmates will be processed, classified and assigned to appropriate housing within 48 hours within 14 days of receipt of this notice to Byron Shelton and Cathi Williamson.
267	Release	Not applicable.
269	Records/Procedures	Not applicable.
271	Classification	Not applicable.
273	Health Services	Not applicable.
275	Supervision	Not applicable.
277	Personal Hygiene	Technical Assistance: During the investigation of complaint regarding inmate Helen Subeka and other inmates being kept in holding for longer than 48 hours, staff provided information that personal hygiene was either provided at dress in or upon request, but a log specifically addressing provision of personal hygiene needs to be included. Technical assistance provided: Harris County administration will develop a corrective plan of action that ensures inmates held over 48 hours are provided the opportunity to purchase personal hygiene supplies or provided personal hygiene supplies if unable to supply due to indigent.
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.

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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 HARRIS COUNTY JAIL

September 7, 2022

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on September 7, 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
259.138	<p>(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.</p> <p>During the investigation of a complaint regarding inmate Helen Subeka, it was determined that 64 inmates remained in holding cells in excess of 48 hours: Priscilla Garcia, Manuel Gutierrez, Rodney Bowers, Alfonzo Gonzalez, James Chaplin, Zamari Wright, Oscar Comeaux, Tayshawn Allen, Gabrielle Dean, Pascual Gomez-Gonzales, Venustiano Pena, Jasmine Saco, Martin Rangel, Jarvis Jackson, Christina Villanueva, Martin Rollins, Keangelia McDowell, Arpan Goraya, Crystal Commander, Lizette Lopez, Bridgett Clark, Leomaritza Medrano, Shunnard Broussard, Carlos Calamaco, Brittany Lynch, Destinyque Kennedy, Nubiyah Freeman, April Kuehne, Gary Freeman, Preston Allen, Shaquana Lampley, Johnny Buckley, Kimoshita Edwards, Christopher Akeju, Hakeem Adouro, Shimica Hammond, Gerardo Rodriguez, Edward Bracey, Timotyh White, Timothy Landers, Randy Sheheane, Rodney Bowers, Chester Collins, Marelin Rubio, Julios Castro, Denzel Perkins, Tatyana Henderson, Richard Turner, Laquana Moore, Wilbur Briscoe, Tra Miller, Brandon Mayweather, Karisma Harrison, April</p>	Upon receipt of this notice.

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To empower local government to provide safe, secure and suitable local jail facilities through proper rules and procedures while promoting innovative programs and ideas*

Garcia, Shameka Young, Raymond Lincoln, Dontray Pittman, Jenifer Antonescu, Sharon Rrubins, Samatha Wilborn, Jennifer Roy, Douglas Nichols, Robert Gibson, and Frank Smith.