

TITLE 77 - JAIL STANDARDS BOARD

CHAPTER 13 – STANDARDS FOR COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES - EXISTING FACILITY DESIGN

001 General Conditions. It is the policy of the State of Nebraska that all existing community residential facilities shall conform to the minimum standards for design established herein. All facilities shall conform to the following general conditions

001.01 Housing units and activity areas shall provide, at a minimum, the following:

001.01A Artificial Lighting. Artificial lighting of at least twenty (20) foot-candles in all living areas and at least fifty (50) foot-candles in all study and work areas.

001.01B Acoustics. Acoustics that ensure the maintenance of noise levels averaging no higher than sixty-five (65) to seventy (70) decibels.

001.01C HVAC. Adequate heating and cooling systems to insure a comfortable and healthful living and working environment that are appropriate to the summer and winter comfort zones.

001.01D Ventilation. Air circulation is at least fifteen (10) cubic feet of outside air or filtered re-circulated air per minute, per inmate in an area's rated capacity.

001.01E Natural Light. All inmate living areas shall provide visual access to natural light.

001.01F Inmate Privacy. Inmates' right to privacy from unauthorized or degrading observation shall be protected without compromising security and control of the facility. Privacy screening for all toilet and shower areas which

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allows adequate supervision of inmates in those areas should be provided.

002 Community residential facilities. In addition to the general conditions, all community residential facilities shall conform to the following physical plant requirements:

002.01 Rated capacity. The facility is not crowded. The number of inmates does not exceed the facility's rated capacity.

002.02 Local Codes. The facility conforms to all applicable building codes and Life Safety codes established by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

002.03 Intake. The reception and discharge area shall be adequate in size and be properly equipped to ensure the orderly and secure reception and discharge of inmates.

002.03A Weapons lockers. Weapon lockers shall be located at the facility entrance and outside the security perimeter for law enforcement personnel.

002.03B Searches. A search room shall be located in the intake area for reception and inmates returning from outside the facility.

002.03C Property Storage. Storage areas shall be sufficient to accommodate inmates' personal property that is not allowed and provide for proper separation and security of those items.

002.04 Issue Space. Space is provided in the facility to store and issue clothing, bedding and other items required for personal hygiene.

002.05 Confidential Interview. Interview areas which provide for private, confidential consultation with attorneys, counselors, ministers and probation/parole officers shall be available.

002.06 Kitchen. In facilities where in-house food service is provided, adequate space is provided for food preparation and serving, an eating area, and seating for all who dine at the same time. The kitchen, dining, and food storage areas are properly ventilated, properly furnished and clean.

002.06A Toilet and wash basin facilities are available to food service personnel and inmate workers in close proximity to the food preparation areas.

002.07 Janitors Closet. Space is provided for janitorial and maintenance supplies in one or more locations that are accessible to the living and activity areas of the facility.

002.08 Administrative Areas. Adequate space is provided for administrative, direct care, professional and clerical staff. This space includes;

002.08A Offices and conference areas,

002.08B Records Storage;

002.08C Toilet facilities

002.09 Dormitories. All dormitory units shall provide a minimum of fifty (50) square feet of floor space per inmate at the unit's rated capacity. Each dormitory unit shall be equipped with, or provide continuous access to at least one (1) toilet, one (1) wash basin with hot and cold running water, and one shower with hot and cold running water for every twelve (12) inmates.

Also, a bunk for each assigned inmate, adequate storage space for clothing and personal belongings and a table with sufficient seating shall be provided.

002.10 Recreation. Adequate and appropriate areas are provided for exercise, recreation and leisure time activities.

002.11 Medical Services. In facilities where medical care is provided on-site, space shall be provided for routine medical examinations, emergency first-aid, emergency equipment storage, and secure medication storage and dispensing.

002.12 Staff posts. In all facilities there shall be one or more staff posts located in close proximity to inmate housing areas. At least one staff post shall be located on each floor of inmate housing.

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002.13 Laundry. In all facilities where in-house laundry service is provided, there shall be sufficient space available for commercial type washer(s) and dryer(s), soiled clothing storage, clean laundry storage, and laundry supply storage.

002.14 Hardware. All locks and security hardware shall have the proper security value for the areas in which they are used.

003 Public Accommodations.

003.01 Program Space. All facilities have adequate space and furnishings for conducting programs and group meetings for inmates outside of their housing units. Inmates have access to writing and seating space.

003.02 Personal visiting. In all facilities, adequate and appropriate space shall be provided for monitored personal inmate visitation. Visitation space is accessible to visitors with disabilities.

003.03 Parking. Sufficient parking shall be provided for visitors, Staff, official vehicles and vehicles used by inmates in accordance with their work release orders.

003.04 Lobby. A public lobby, restricted from security and administrative work areas, shall be provided which includes sufficient seating and accessibility to handicapped persons.

004 Compliance. Facility administrators and the appropriate governing bodies of existing community residential facilities which are not in compliance with the existing facility requirements shall, upon notice of the Jail Standards Board of those areas of non-compliance, develop a plan acceptable to the Board for meeting the Standards. Such plan shall be implemented within a reasonable time frame approved by the Board.

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