

JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY CERTIFICATION

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ECTOR

We, the undersigned, hereby certify to the Commissioners Court of Ector County, Texas, and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department that we have personally inspected the detention facilities at the Ector County Youth Center, Ector County, Texas, to determine whether the facility is suitable for the detention of children. In making this determination, the Ector County Juvenile Board considered the seven (7) statutory factors as listed in Section 51.12 of the Texas Family Code, and listed in "EXHIBIT A" of this document.

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We hereby find that:

1. Children in detention are not detained in or committed to a compartment of a jail in which adults are detained or committed;
2. Children in detention are not permitted contact with adults detained or committed to a jail;
3. The detention facility meets recognized professional standards for the detention of children as provided by Section 51.12 of the Texas Family Code, specifically, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department standards for pre-adjudication secure detention. The capacity for pre-adjudication is rated at forty-eight (48) rooms.

In accordance with Chapter 343.208 of the Texas Administrative Code, the Policy and Procedures of the Ector County Youth Center have been reviewed and approved. Also, in accordance with Chapter 343.336 of the Texas Administrative Code, the policy concerning the administration of medication to residents has been reviewed and approved, including facility employees authorized to administer medication to residents.

THEREFORE, the Ector County Youth Center is hereby certified a suitable facility for children until the next annual on-site inspection due one year from the above visit. The Commissioner's Court in Ector County and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department shall be furnished copies of said certification.

Inspected this 6th Day of December, A.D. 2024.

Brooke Hendricks

Brooke Hendricks, Judge
County Court at Law, Ector County, Texas

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Denn Whalen, Judge
70th Judicial District

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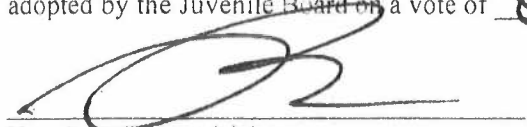
“EXHIBIT A”

In accordance with Section 51.12 of the Texas Family Code, the Ector County Juvenile Board considered the following in determining whether the Ector County Youth Center is suitable for the detention of children:

- BA The current monitoring and inspection reports and any noncompliance citation reports issued by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, including the report provided under Subsection (c-1), and the status of any required corrective actions;
- BA The current governmental inspector certification regarding the facility’s compliance with local fire codes;
- BA The current building inspector certification regarding the facility’s compliance with local building codes;
- BA The 12-month period preceding the inspection, the total number of allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation reported by the facility and a summary of the findings of any investigations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation conducted by the facility, a local law enforcement agency, and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department;
- BA The availability of health and mental health services provided to facility residents;
- BA The availability of education services provided to facility residents; and
- BA The overall physical appearance of the facility, including the facility’s security, maintenance, cleanliness, and environment.
- BA Verification that written policies and procedures exist in accordance with Chapter 343.208 of the Texas Administrative Code.

The current Juvenile Board Chair, Judge Brooke Hendricks, shall enter her initials to verify the Board has considered the above statutory factors in determining whether the Ector County Youth Center is suitable for the detention of children in compliance with Section 51.12 of the Texas Family Code.

After inspection and consideration of the above, the certification of the Ector County Youth Center as suitable for the detention of children was lawfully moved by Clark, duly seconded by Stode, and duly adopted by the Juvenile Board on a vote of 8 members for the motion and 0 opposed.



Hon. Brooke Hendricks
Chair of the Ector County Juvenile Board

12-6-24

Date Signed