

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

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The Honorable Daryl Melton
Sabine County Judge
201 Main Street,
PO Box 716
Hemphill, TX 75948

and

Sheriff George Griffith Jr.
Sabine County Sheriff
PO Box 848
Hemphill, TX 75948

Dear Judge Melton and Sheriff Griffith,

Your request for a variance from Minimum Jail Standards was an agenda item at the May 1, 2025 meeting of the Commission on Jail Standards. Please find enclosed the official action taken on your request. Please contact my office if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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Brandon S. Wood
Executive Director

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Judge Bill Stoudt, Longview, Chair
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SABINE COUNTY

Section: 259.134 MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY CELLS

Commission Action:

Approved. A motion was made and seconded to allow Sabine County to continue to utilize one additional single bunk in cells E and F, making the total capacity for each cell, two. One double bunk added to cell B to be utilized for no more than 48 hours at a time, making the total capacity for cell B six. The total number of variance beds is four. Adding the additional beds would exceed the jail requirement of clear square footage required in cell B by 13.70 square foot short per inmate. Approved variance for a 12- month period until the May 2026 Commission Meeting, at this time will be approved for continuance.

 May 1, 2025
Brandon S. Wood, Executive Director