

July 26, 2019

Sheriff Troy Dunn  
Rice County Sheriff's Office  
118 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW  
Faribault, MN 55021

Re: Facility Reclassification

Sheriff Dunn:

The Rice County Jail was built in 1972 as a Class III Jail, and was designed primarily as a linear type jail. Program and recreation space is very limited. There have been several renovations over the past 15-20 years, and non of those renovations addressed the lack of program/recreation space, even though there is documentation of the lack of space going back to 2011.

In 2018, upon completion of the annual inspection, the potential for reclassification of the Rice County jail due to the lack of program space and the jails inability to classify and separate inmates according to the Chapter 2911 Rules Governing Adult Detention Facilities was discussed. The reclassification would reduce the facility to a Class II 90 Day Lockup from a Class III Jail facility.

On April 23, 2019 Corrections Detention Facility Inspector Jen Pfeifer met with you and Jail Administrator Jake Marinenko for the Rice County Jail inspection. At that time, reclassification of the Rice County Jail from a Class III Jail to a Class II 90 day jail was discussed once again. A formal recommendation was made by Inspector Pfeifer to reduce the classification of your facility. This is consistent with historical decisions made by the Department of Corrections across the State of Minnesota related to facilities that have had similar physical plant limitations and deficiencies.

Based on Inspector Pfeifer's recommendation, and the lack of recreation/program space, visitation area, and limited booking space, the Rice County Jail facility is being reclassified to a Class II 90 Day Lockup effective November 1, 2019. This will allow enough time for Jail Administration to make boarding arrangements and revise policies and procedures. At that time all inmates who have been in the facility for longer than 90 days, excluding work release, shall be boarded out to another facility.

Staff from the Inspection and Enforcement unit are available as needed for technical assistance with the transition to the new facility classification level.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the reclassification of the jail, please feel free to contact Inspector Pfeifer or Inspection Unit Manager Tim Thompson. Mr. Thompson's contact information is as follows:

[timothy.thompson@state.mn.us](mailto:timothy.thompson@state.mn.us), or 651-361-7147. Inspector Pfeifer may be contacted at [jennifer.pfeifer@state.mn.us](mailto:jennifer.pfeifer@state.mn.us), or 952-484-4342.

Sincerely,



Paul Schnell  
Commissioner

C: Jake Marinenko  
Rice County File