

JAIL RULES

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Proposed set of Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Jail of the City of Williamsburg and County of James City.

"RULE 1. All prisoners, except women, being held pending charges of felonies, and all prisoners, except women, who have been tried and convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for either felony or misdemeanor shall be kept inside of the cell block at all times unless accompanied by the jailor. Except, further, the jailor shall have discretion as to confining white and colored prisoners in the same cage or cell and at all times the jailor shall keep the most dangerous and those charged with the most serious offenses confined in individual, locked cells within the cell block.

"RULE 1a. All prisoners, except women, who have been convicted of felonies shall be locked in cells within the cell block unless accompanied by the jailor.

"RULE 2. All doors and cages, to and in said jail shall be securely locked at all times, except when opened by the jailor or any other duly authorized officer.

"RULE 3. No package, food, bundle, clothing, letter or other substance, whether of like kind or not shall be delivered to any prisoner in said jail until it is first examined by the keeper of said jail.

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"RULE 4. All prisoners shall be carefully searched when put into said jail and all money and other articles mentioned in Rule 5 shall be taken from said prisoner. The jailor shall keep a list of all articles and the names of the prisoners from whom taken.

"RULE 5. The City Sergeant shall be required to keep all prisoners securely locked within the cell blocks at all times except as otherwise provided herein. He may in his discretion allow one trusty the freedom of the second floor corridor. This allowance is made in order that the trusty may communicate with persons outside the jail in the event of an emergency.

"RULE 6. The City Sergeant shall have complete charge and control of the jail and jail property; he or some person employed and/or appointed by him for that purpose shall be at all times on duty within the said jail between the hours of 8 P. M. and 6:30 A. M.

"RULE 7. No prisoner shall be allowed at any time, any knife, razor, spoon, fork, broom, piece of wood or metal or any other substance whether of like kind or not, which may be used in any manner in defacing said jail or used in an attempt to escape from said jail; except, that prisoners may be allowed to have a knife, fork and spoon while eating but such knife, fork and spoon shall be taken from the

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prisoner as soon as he or she has finished eating, except further that male prisoners may be allowed to have a razor for the purpose of shaving which shall be taken from said prisoner as soon as he shall have finished shaving and if a safety razor is used the prisoner shall not be allowed to have more than one blade at a time.

"RULE 8. All brooms, shovels, fire pokers and other instruments whether of wood or of metal, all fire wood, oil cans and other substance shall be at all times kept out of the reach of prisoners.

"RULE 9. All stills or parts of stills or containers or other appliances capable of being used in the manufacture of ardent spirits and all ardent spirits and other articles that may be necessary to be kept in said jail to be used as evidence in prosecution for violations of the law shall at all times be kept locked securely and away from the prisoners.

"RULE 10. None but women, and men charged with misdemeanors shall be put or kept in the rooms on the second floor of said jail, if there is available room in the cage within the cell block; and, at all times the most dangerous prisoners and those charged with most serious offenses shall be kept in the cells within the cell blocks, subject to Rules 1 and 1a.

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"RULE 11. No prisoner shall deface or destroy or otherwise damage said jail or beds or bed clothing or any fixture in said jail or any copy of these regulations posted in said jail. Any prisoner shall be responsible for any damage done.

"RULE 12. If any prisoner violates any one or more of these rules and regulations he or she shall be considered to be guilty of misconduct and no time shall be deducted from his or her sentence of confinement in said jail.

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"SECTION 2860 of the Code of Virginia provides that a prisoner in jail, if he faithfully observes the rules and regulations of the jail while confined therein, shall, with the consent of the Judge, have deducted from his or her period of confinement ten days from each month.

"SECTION 2858 of the Code of Virginia provides that it shall be unlawful for any person other than the officer of the law in charge of the premises, the counsel of the prisoner, or such other person as may be determined by the court in whose custody said prisoner may be, to hold any communication, by word, sign or writing with said prisoner or prisoners confined in any jail in the Commonwealth of Virginia except in the presence of the Sheriff or his deputies or the jailor regularly in charge of said prisoner

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or prisoners, and any person violating or attempting to violate this Section, or any sheriff, deputy, or other person in charge of said prisoner or prisoners knowingly allowing any violation of same shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be fined not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$50.00.

"WHEREAS Section 2868 of the Code of Virginia provides that the Sergeant of the City of Williamsburg shall be jailor of the County of James City as well as of the said City of Williamsburg, the Sergeant of the said City of Williamsburg shall be held responsible for any damage to the jail of said City and County by any prisoner or prisoners therein as a result of the neglect of said jailor, or any person whom he may employ to keep said jail for him, Regulations from 1 to 10 inclusive."

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