



American Jail Association Resolution Professional Jail Guidelines and Inspections

WHEREAS, the operation of local correctional facilities requires a steadfast commitment to safety, security, and professional management; and

WHEREAS, established comprehensive operational guidelines provide a necessary framework for facility administration, offering a defense against liability and ensuring consistent, humane conditions of confinement; and

WHEREAS, the American Jail Association is dedicated to providing leadership through the development of Jail Guidelines designed to enable jails of all sizes, regardless of jurisdiction, to improve operational effectiveness, efficiency, safety for staff, communities, and incarcerated individuals; and

WHEREAS, objective inspections and assessments are essential mechanisms to verify compliance, identify resource needs, and ensure alignment with recognized industry protocols;

**THEREFORE,
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT** the American Jail Association supports the continued development and maintenance of professional Jail Guidelines to assist local jails in achieving operational excellence; and

**BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT** the American Jail Association advocates for the use of regular inspections and assessments, both internal and external, as a supportive tool to assist facilities in maintaining alignment with established guidelines.

Sunset Provision

**BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT** that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in full force and effect for a period of five (5) years, after which it shall automatically expire on March 9, 2031, unless formally reaffirmed, revised, or amended *by the Board of Directors prior to that date.*

***ADOPTED** on March 9, 2026, by the AJA Board of Directors in a Zoom meeting.*