

# Department of Corrections

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

### **Possible Rules Relating to Adult Community-Based Residential Correctional Facilities; Revisor's ID Number R-04943**

**Subject of rules.** The Minnesota Department of Corrections requests comments on the department's possible rules on adult community-based residential correctional facilities under Minnesota Statutes, section 241.31. The rules affect department-licensed facilities that provide correctional services to adults accused of, charged with, or convicted of a criminal offense.

The rule was last amended in 2011, and the department seeks to:

- 1) replace obsolete requirements;
- 2) remove or update requirements that conflict with statute;
- 3) standardize inspection and enforcement requirements with other department rule chapters;  
and
- 4) adopt requirements to protect public safety and ensure the health, safety, and welfare of residents and facility staff.

**Persons affected.** The rule amendments likely affect the following people:

- all-department licensed adult community-based residential correctional facilities, residents who live in the facilities, and individuals or entities that provide correctional services in the facilities;
- the following department units: field services, work release, and reentry services;
- Minnesota Direct Care and Treatment;
- the Minnesota Association of Community Corrections Act Counties;
- the Minnesota Association of County Probation Agents;
- the federal Bureau of Prisons;
- state and federal courts; and
- local government entities such as cities, counties, and townships and their respective associations: the League of Minnesota Cities, the Association of Minnesota Counties, and the Minnesota Association of Townships.

**Statutory authority.** The department has the statutory authority to amend and adopt rules on adult community-based residential correctional facilities under Minnesota Statutes, section 241.021, subdivision 1, paragraph (a).

**Public comment.** Interested individuals or groups may email or mail comments or information on the possible rules until the department publishes a notice of intent to adopt the rules. The

department will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from this notice's publication date.

**Rules drafts.** The department has not yet drafted the possible rules but anticipates that rule drafts will be available on its website (<https://mn.gov/doc/about/rulemaking/>) when drafts become available.

**Agency contact person.** Written comments, questions, requests to receive rule drafts, and requests for more information on the possible rules should be directed to Ian Lewenstein, ***docrulemaking.DOC@state.mn.us***, 651-361-7707, or the Department of Corrections, 1450 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108.

**Alternative format.** Upon request, the information in this notice can be made available in an alternative format such as large print, braille, or audio. To make a request, please contact Ian Lewenstein.

**Note:** If the department starts a proceeding to adopt rules, comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge.

The department must submit to the judge only written comments received in response to the rules after they are formally proposed in a notice of intent to adopt rules published in the *State Register*; if you submit comments before the notice is published and you want to ensure that the judge reviews your comments, you should resubmit your comments after the rules are formally proposed.

Dated: July 21, 2025

Paul Schnell, Commissioner  
Department of Corrections