

Red Tape Review Rule Report (Due: September 1, 2026)

Department Name:	Iowa Department of Corrections	Date:	5/14/2026	Total Rule Count:	8
IAC #:	201	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	1	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	904.103
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

To provide a clear framework for the organizational structure and public accessibility of the Department of Corrections (DOC). It establishes the mission, defines key roles (Director and Board of Corrections), and provides the public with essential contact information and procedures for interacting with the Department.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes. The chapter serves as the primary road map for the public and other agencies to engage with the DOC. The proposed revisions enhance the benefit by removing outdated internal division hierarchies and streamlining contact information (directing users to the website for real-time updates), ensuring the public has the most current information available.

What are the costs incurred by the public to comply with the rule?

There are no direct costs to the public associated with this rule.

What are the costs to the agency or any other agency to implement/enforce the rule?

There are no additional costs beyond existing operational expenditures.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

Yes. Given the public safety benefits the rule supports, the benefits outweigh any administrative effort required.

Are there less restrictive alternatives to accomplish the benefit? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If YES, please list alternative(s) and provide analysis of less restrictive alternatives from other states, if applicable. If NO, please explain.

No. The chapter is already minimally restrictive. It primarily clarifies organizational mandates found in Iowa Code. Eliminating these rules entirely would leave the public without a clear, regulatory-backed process for communicating with the Board or the Director.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language? [list chapter/rule number(s) that fall under any of the above categories]

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All rules 1.1 through 1.8. The Department of Corrections proposes removing language that is outdated, unnecessary and/or duplicates state statutes.

RULES PROPOSED FOR REPEAL (list rule number[s]):

Rule 1.4 – Repeal in entirety, internet website added to another rule.

RULES PROPOSED FOR RE-PROMULGATION (list rule number[s] or include rule text if available):

Rule 1.1 – Removed terms that are either unused or already defined in Iowa Code.

Rule 1.2 – Updated to reflect structural changes mandated by 2024 Iowa Acts, Chapter 1192 (HF 2686).

Rule 1.3 – Removed granular data (office hours, specific phone/fax numbers) that are subject to frequent change.

Rule 1.5 – Edited to simplify the process for public submissions and clarify that public records must follow specific procedures as outlined in Iowa Administrative Code.

Rule 1.6 - Eliminated redundant descriptions of Board quorum and meeting procedures that are already governed by Iowa Code chapter 21.

Rule 1.7 – Streamlined to focus on the Director’s statutory authority without repeating the full text of Iowa Code sections 904.107 and 904.108.

Rule 1.8 - Removed exhaustive list of internal deputy director responsibilities and specific facility assignments that are redundant of Iowa Code.

***For rules being re-promulgated with changes, you may attach a document with suggested changes.**

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	1
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	1,098
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	21

ARE THERE ANY STATUTORY CHANGES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING CODIFYING ANY RULES?

None