

**FINAL INSPECTION REPORT**  
**Under the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010***

**Inspection Information**

**Date of Inspection: February 12, 2024**

**Name of Inspector: Mark Dennis**

**Inspection Type: Routine Inspection**

**Licensee: ACC-002668 - Empire Living Centre Inc.**

**Retirement Home: Empire Living Centre**

**License Number: N0044**

**About Routine Inspections**

A routine inspection, performed by an RHRA inspector, is a physical inspection of a licensed retirement home. During a routine inspection, an RHRA inspector will walk through the home, speak to residents and staff, observe care services and conditions in the home, and ensure the licensee’s management and staff follow mandatory policies and practices designed to protect the welfare of residents.

Following a routine inspection, the RHRA inspector prepares a draft inspection report which is sent to the licensee. The draft report may include instances where the licensee has failed to meet the standards of the *RHA*. If included, the licensee can respond to these instances and is strongly encouraged to inform RHRA of its plans to meet the standards of the *RHA*.

Following the draft report, the RHRA inspector prepares this final inspection report, incorporating any response from the licensee with their plans to meet the standards of the *RHA*. The most recent final inspection report must be posted in the home in a visible and easily accessible location. All final inspection reports from the previous two years must also be made available in an easily accessible location in the home. The licensee must provide a copy of this report to the home’s Residents’ Council, if one exists.

In addition to inspection reports, RHRA may provide information to a licensee to encourage improvements of their current practices.

If the licensee repeatedly does not meet the required standards, RHRA may take further action.

**Focus Areas**

*During a routine inspection, an inspector will focus primarily on a set number of areas which have been identified as related to the health, safety and wellbeing of resident, and may take various actions to determine whether the licensee is compliant with the RHA in relating to the areas. The areas listed in this section are ones which an inspector has identified as non-compliant.*

**Focus Area #1: Resident Record, Assessment, Plan of Care**

**RHRA Inspector Findings**

During the inspection, the Inspector reviewed a random sampling of resident care files. There is a requirement that a residents plan of care must be reassessed every 6 months. Further the plan of care must be approved by the resident or their substitute decision maker and must be approved by a regulated health professional. The inspector identified one resident with a plan of care that had not been reassessed within the last 6 months and two resident with plans of care that had not be approved as prescribed. ,

**Outcome**

The Licensee has advised it has taken corrective action to achieve compliance. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

**Focus Area #2: Staff Training****RHRA Inspector Findings**

During the inspection, the Inspector reviewed staff training records. There is a requirement that staff administering medications must be trained to administer medications and the training must include recognizing an adverse drug reaction and taking appropriate action, safe disposal of sharps and syringes and proper hand hygiene. The Inspector identified one staff member administering medications that had not received the prescribed training.

**Outcome**

The Licensee has advised it has taken corrective action to achieve compliance. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

**Additional Findings**

*During a routine inspection, an inspector may observe areas of non-compliance that are not related to the standard focus areas. In these cases, an inspector may cite the home for these contraventions at the time of this inspection. In addition, an inspector may follow-up on findings of non-compliance from previous inspections. Where the licensee is unable to demonstrate they have come into compliance or maintained compliance, an inspector may cite the home for these repeat contraventions at the time of this inspection.*

**Not Applicable****Current Inspection – Citations**

*Citations relating to the above Focus Areas or Additional Findings made during the current inspection are listed below.*

**The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 29.; Administration of drugs or other substances****s. 29.; Administration of drugs or other substances**

29. If one of the care services that the licensee or the staff of a retirement home provide to a resident of the home is the administration of a drug or other substance, the licensee shall ensure that,

**Specifically, the Licensee failed to comply with the following subsection(s):****s. 29. (c)**

(c) neither the licensee nor a staff member administers a drug to a resident in the home unless the licensee or the staff member has received training in the procedures applicable to the administration of

the drug;

**s. 29. (e)**

(e) if the licensee or a staff member is involved in the administration of the drug or other substance at the home, that the licensee or staff member is trained in,

**s. 29. (e), 1.**

(i) ways of reducing the incidence of infectious disease, including maintaining proper hand hygiene,

**s. 29. (e)**

(e) if the licensee or a staff member is involved in the administration of the drug or other substance at the home, that the licensee or staff member is trained in,

**s. 29. (e), 2.**

(ii) the safe disposal of syringes and other sharps,

**s. 29. (e)**

(e) if the licensee or a staff member is involved in the administration of the drug or other substance at the home, that the licensee or staff member is trained in,

**s. 29. (e), 3.**

(iii) recognizing an adverse drug reaction and taking appropriate action;

**The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 62. (12); Reassessment and revision**

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62. (12) The licensee shall ensure that the resident is reassessed and the plan of care reviewed and revised at least every six months and at any other time if, in the opinion of the licensee or the resident,

**The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 62. (9); Persons who approve plans of care**

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62. (9) The licensee shall ensure that the following persons have approved the plan of care, including any revisions to it, and that a copy is provided to them:

**Specifically, the Licensee failed to comply with the following subsection(s):**

**s. 62. (9), para. 1**

1. The resident or the resident's substitute decision-maker.

**s. 62. (9), para. 2**

2. The prescribed person if there is a person prescribed for the purpose of this paragraph.

**Closed Citations**

*During an inspection, an inspector may follow-up with areas of non-compliance cited during a previous inspection, or verify compliance with areas initially cited during the current inspection. The inspector has verified that at the time of this report, the licensee was able to demonstrate that the following areas have come into compliance.*


**Not Applicable**

## NOTICE

The Final Inspection Report is being provided to the Licensee, the Registrar of the RHRA and the home's Residents' Council, if any.

Section 55 of the *RHA* requires that the Final Inspection Report be posted in the home in a conspicuous and easily accessible location. In addition, the Licensee must ensure that copies of every Final Inspection Report from the previous two (2) years are made available in the Home, in an easily accessible location.

The Registrar's copy of the Final Inspection Report, as it appears here, will be included on the RHRA Retirement Home Database available online at <http://www.rhra.ca/en/retirement-home-database>.

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| Signature of Inspector<br> | Date<br>February 23, 2024 |
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