

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0274888 - THE CITY FISH		Site Address 16125 MONTEREY RD, MORGAN HILL, CA 95037		Inspection Date 01/08/2026	
Program PR0415500 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 2 - FP10			Owner Name ALVAREZ, ALBERTO		Inspection Time 13:15 - 15:15
Inspected By GINA STIEHR	Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION	Consent By ALBERTO ALVAREZ	FSC Alberto Alvarez 12/02/2029		

Placard Color & Score
GREEN
90

RISK FACTORS AND INTERVENTIONS	IN	OUT		COS/SA	N/O	N/A	PBI
		Major	Minor				
K01 Demonstration of knowledge; food safety certification	X						
K02 Communicable disease; reporting/restriction/exclusion	X						S
K03 No discharge from eyes, nose, mouth	X						
K04 Proper eating, tasting, drinking, tobacco use	X						
K05 Hands clean, properly washed; gloves used properly	X						
K06 Adequate handwash facilities supplied, accessible	X						S
K07 Proper hot and cold holding temperatures	X						S
K08 Time as a public health control; procedures & records						X	
K09 Proper cooling methods		X		X			
K10 Proper cooking time & temperatures	X						
K11 Proper reheating procedures for hot holding	X						
K12 Returned and reservice of food	X						
K13 Food in good condition, safe, unadulterated	X						
K14 Food contact surfaces clean, sanitized	X						S
K15 Food obtained from approved source	X						
K16 Compliance with shell stock tags, condition, display	X						
K17 Compliance with Gulf Oyster Regulations	X						
K18 Compliance with variance/ROP/HACCP Plan						X	
K19 Consumer advisory for raw or undercooked foods	X						
K20 Licensed health care facilities/schools: prohibited foods not being offered						X	
K21 Hot and cold water available	X						
K22 Sewage and wastewater properly disposed	X						
K23 No rodents, insects, birds, or animals	X						

GOOD RETAIL PRACTICES	OUT	COS
K24 Person in charge present and performing duties		
K25 Proper personal cleanliness and hair restraints		
K26 Approved thawing methods used; frozen food		
K27 Food separated and protected		
K28 Fruits and vegetables washed		
K29 Toxic substances properly identified, stored, used		
K30 Food storage: food storage containers identified		
K31 Consumer self service does prevent contamination		
K32 Food properly labeled and honestly presented		
K33 Nonfood contact surfaces clean		
K34 Warewash facilities: installed/maintained; test strips		
K35 Equipment, utensils: Approved, in good repair, adequate capacity		
K36 Equipment, utensils, linens: Proper storage and use		
K37 Vending machines		
K38 Adequate ventilation/lighting; designated areas, use		
K39 Thermometers provided, accurate		
K40 Wiping cloths: properly used, stored		
K41 Plumbing approved, installed, in good repair; proper backflow devices		
K42 Garbage & refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained		
K43 Toilet facilities: properly constructed, supplied, cleaned		
K44 Premises clean, in good repair; Personal/chemical storage; Adequate vermin-proofing		
K45 Floor, walls, ceilings: built, maintained, clean		X
K46 No unapproved private home/living/sleeping quarters		
K47 Signs posted; last inspection report available		

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K48	Plan review	
K49	Permits available	
K58	Placard properly displayed/posted	

Comments and Observations

Major Violations

K09 - 8 Points - Improper cooling methods; 114002, 114002.1

Inspector Observations: Observed potentially hazardous food that measured in the temperature danger zone located on top of the chest cooler (mashed potatoes 98F). Per staff, the potatoes were cooked at about 3 hours prior. [CA] Ensure PHFs are properly cooled from 135F to 70F within 2 hours and from 70F to 41F within 4 hours. Use rapid cooling methods such as shallow pans, ice baths, ice paddles, ice as an ingredient, and/or blast chiller. [COS] PIC had staff throw the mashed potatoes away.

Minor Violations

K45 - 2 Points - Floor, walls, ceilings: not built, not maintained, not clean; 114143(d), 114266, 114268, 114268.1, 114271, 114272

Inspector Observations: Observed large gaps in ceiling panel surrounding the elevated water heater. [CA] Minimize gaps.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
salmon	reach-in	36.00 Fahrenheit	
mussels	freezer	5.00 Fahrenheit	
hot water	handwash sink	100.00 Fahrenheit	
raw shrimp	food prep cold hold	41.00 Fahrenheit	
mashed potatoes	on top of chest freezer	98.00 Fahrenheit	
chlorine	warewash machine	50.00 PPM	
mozzarella sticks	chest freezer	1.00 Fahrenheit	
chowder	warmer	166.00 Fahrenheit	
calamari	food prep sink	42.00 Fahrenheit	infrared; thawing
quat	sanitizer bucket	200.00 PPM	
salmon	cookline	190.00 Fahrenheit	
hot water	food prep sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
shrimp	food prep cold hold	41.00 Fahrenheit	
scallops	food prep cold hold	43.00 Fahrenheit	

Overall Comments:

When required to determine compliance, a single reinspection will be conducted without additional charge. If subsequent reinspections are required, an hourly fee (minimum one hour) at the current rate approved by the Board of Supervisors will be assessed for each and every reinspection until the necessary changes or corrections are made. Unless otherwise noted by the inspector, all violations are to be corrected no later than **1/22/2026**. Any major change in menu or any change in ownership must have prior approval by this Department. This may require structural and/or equipment changes or remodeling to accommodate new operations.

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Legend:

- [CA] Corrective Action
- [COS] Corrected on Site
- [N] Needs Improvement
- [NA] Not Applicable
- [NO] Not Observed
- [PBI] Performance-based Inspection
- [PHF] Potentially Hazardous Food
- [PIC] Person in Charge
- [PPM] Part per Million
- [S] Satisfactory
- [SA] Suitable Alternative
- [TPHC] Time as a Public Health Control



Received By: Alberto Alvarez
Owner

Signed On: January 08, 2026