

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0251885 - TAQUERIA EL CORAL		Site Address 426 W CAPITOL EX, SAN JOSE, CA 95136		Inspection Date 07/15/2025		Placard Color & Score GREEN 88		
Program PR0366162 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name TAQUERIA EL CORAL INC		Inspection Time 11:50 - 13:30			
Inspected By MARCELA MASRI		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By MILENA LOPEZ				FSC MARIA TORRES 6-14-28

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		
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		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	X	
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		
K46	No unapproved private home/living/sleeping quarters		
K47	Signs posted; last inspection report available	X	

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

Comments and Observations

Major Violations

K14 - 8 Points - Food contact surfaces unclean and unsanitized; 113984(e), 114097, 114099.1, 114099.4, 114099.6, 114101, 114105, 114109, 114111, 114113, 114115(a,b,d), 114117, 14125(b), 114141

Inspector Observations: FOUND THE CHLORINE CONCENTRATION AT 25 PPM AT THE 3 COMPARTMENT SINK. [CA] PROVIDE 100 PPM. COS

Minor Violations

K36 - 2 Points - Equipment, utensils, linens: Improper storage and use; 114074, 114081, 114119, 114121, 114161, 114178, 114179, 114083, 114185, 114185.2, 114185.3, 114185.4, 114185.5

Inspector Observations: FOUND A STAINLESS STEEL BOWL BEING USED TO SCOOP THE AL PASTOR MEAT AT THE SERVICE REFRIGERATOR. [CA] USE FOOD GRADE WASHABLE SCOOPS WITH A HANDLE AND KEEP THE HANDLE OUTSIDE THE FOOD.

K47 - 2 Points - Signs not posted; last inspection report not available; 113725.1, 113953.5, 113978, 114381(e)

Inspector Observations: MISSING THE HAND WASH SIGN IN THE RESTROOM. [CA] PROVIDE A HAND WASH SIGN.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
CUT TOMATO	SERVICE REFRIGERATOR	40.00 Fahrenheit	
BEEF	SERVICE REFRIGERATOR	40.00 Fahrenheit	
SALSA	UNDER COUNTER REFRIGERATOR	33.00 Fahrenheit	
HOT WATER	HAND WASH SINK	100.00 Fahrenheit	
BEANS	HOT HOLDING	142.00 Fahrenheit	
RICE	HOT HOLDING	140.00 Fahrenheit	
STEW	REACH IN REFRIGERATOR	41.00 Fahrenheit	
CHICKEN	SERVICE REFRIGERATOR	41.00 Fahrenheit	
HOT WATER	3 COMPARTMENT SINK	120.00 Fahrenheit	
BARBACOA	REACH IN FREEZER	14.00 Fahrenheit	
AVOCADO	REACH ON FREEZER	13.00 Fahrenheit	
MENUDEO	REACH IN REFRIGERATOR	40.00 Fahrenheit	
CHLORINE SANITIZER	3 COMPARTMENT SINK	25.00 PPM	
POZOLE	REACH IN FREEZER	13.00 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 **7/29/2025**. 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: MILENA LOPEZ
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Signed On: July 15, 2025