

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0205998 - ZENI ETHIOPEAN RESTAURANT		Site Address 1320 SARATOGA AV, SAN JOSE, CA 95129		Inspection Date 10/28/2025		Placard Color & Score GREEN 96
Program PR0303246 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name ZENI RESTAURANT LLC		Inspection Time 14:40 - 16:00	
Inspected By HINA WYNE	Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION	Consent By ZENI	FSC CETIANA ABEBAW 03/19/2029			

RISK FACTORS AND INTERVENTIONS	IN	OUT		COS/SA	N/O	N/A	PBI
		Major	Minor				
K01 Demonstration of knowledge; food safety certification	X						S
K02 Communicable disease; reporting/restriction/exclusion	X						
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						
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						S
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	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

No major violations were observed during this inspection.

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: Large containers of yellow and red lentil lack label.

[CA] Working containers holding food or food ingredients that are removed from their original packages shall be identified with the common name of the food if not easily recognizable.

Eggs were stored on top shelf.

[CA] Always store eggs on bottom shelves to prevent cross contamination.

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

Inspector Observations: Build up grease debris behind the cook line.

[CA] Clean hard to reach areas more frequently to prevent cross contamination.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
TOMATOES	PREP COOLER	40.00 Fahrenheit	
YELLOW LENTIAL	HOT HOLDING	170.00 Fahrenheit	
BEEF	FREEZER	15.00 Fahrenheit	
CHLORINE SANITIZER	DISHWASHER	50.00 PPM	
RED LENTIAL	HOT HOLDING	165.00 Fahrenheit	
CHEESE	PREP COOLER	40.00 Fahrenheit	
HOT WATER	HAND WASHING RESTROOM	100.00 Fahrenheit	
BEEF CURRY	ACTIVE COOLING	110.00 Fahrenheit	
LAMB CURRY	REFRIGERATION	40.00 Fahrenheit	
MILK CHAI	REFRIGERATION	40.00 Fahrenheit	
RICE	REFRIGERATION	40.00 Fahrenheit	
HOT WATER	3-COMP SINK	120.00 Fahrenheit	
GREEN VEG	HOT HOLDING	162.00 Fahrenheit	
HOT WATER	HAND WASHING	100.00 Fahrenheit	
MIX VEG	ACTIVE COOLING	115.00 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 **11/11/2025**. 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: ZENI
OWNER

Signed On: October 28, 2025