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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0252637 - GOLDEN BAMBOO VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT		Site Address 3245 S WHITE RD, SAN JOSE, CA 95121		Inspection Date 04/28/2026	
Program PR0367766 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 2 - FP10			Owner Name GOLDEN BAMBOO VEGETAF		Inspection Time 13:50 - 15:15
Inspected By MAMAYE KEBEDE	Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION	Consent By LAM DUNG	FSC Austin Le 10/12/2028		

Placard Color & Score
YELLOW
63

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				
K07 Proper hot and cold holding temperatures		X					N
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						N
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							
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	X	
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	X	
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	X	
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

K05 - 8 Points - Hands not clean/improperly washed/gloves not used properly; 113952, 113953.3, 113953.4, 113961, 113968, 113973 (b-f)

Inspector Observations: Employees working back in the kitchen were observed touching unclean surface and the front area were observed collecting soiled dishes and cleaning tables and serving open food for customers without washing hands.

[CA] Employee must be trained to wash hand in between touching unclean surface and ready to eat food products, after cleaning or handling chemicals, after picking up something off of the floor, after handling the register/money, after handling garbage, after touching face, hair or body, after eating, drinking, smoking, and chewing gum, after using the bathroom, and after sneezing, coughing, or using a tissue. The employee was told to wash his hands and change his gloves (COS).

K07 - 8 Points - Improper hot and cold holding temperatures; 11387.1, 113996, 113998, 114037, 114343(a)

Inspector Observations: Some potentially hazardous foods stored on the preparation fridge including sliced and smashed tofu, noodle, and diced tomatoes were measured between 49°F and 55 °F. The chef said the food products were moved from the walk-in cooler into the preparation fridge an hour ago.

[CA] All potentially hazardous foods like meat, seafood, poultry, dairy products, cooked vegetables, cooked cereals, greens, and diced tomatoes shall always be held at 41°F or below or at 135°F or above. If these food products are stored at room temperature, time/temperature logs must be properly used which indicate the time the food product was taken from the safe temperature zone, and the time the food products shall be discarded. The chef stores both food products inside the walk-in cooler (COS).

K15 - 8 Points - Food not obtained from approved source; 113980, 113982, 114021-114031, 114041

Inspector Observations: Mint and basil grown on a pot inside the facility was being used as a food ingredient.

[CA] Food ingredient served in the facility must be obtained from an approved source. Cease and desist using home-grown herbs at the restaurant. The PIC discarded the pots of basil, bamboo, and mint (COS).

Minor Violations

K06 - 3 Points - Inadequate handwash facilities: supplied or accessible; 113953, 113953.1, 113953.2, 114067(f)

Inspector Observations: The only handwash station located back in the kitchen area was partially blocked by a movable cart.

[CA] For employees easy handwashing access, please relocate the cart from the handwash station area immediately.

K35 - 2 Points - Equipment, utensils - Unapproved, unclean, not in good repair, inadequate capacity; 114130, 114130.1, 114130.2, 114130.3, 114130.4, 114130.5, 114132, 114133, 114137, 114139, 114153, 114155, 114163, 114165, 114167, 114169, 114175, 114177, 114180, 114182

Inspector Observations: The white freezer used back in the preparation area is a household standard one.

[CA] Equipment used in the facility must be NSF/ANSI approved, or ETL/UL sanitation listed one.

Ambient air temperature of the undercounter preparation fridge located back in the kitchen was measured above 45 OF.

[CA] The ambient temperature of any refrigeration unit must be kept at or below 41 OF. Until the unit's temperature adjusted to 41 OF or below, please do not solely use the unit to store any potentially hazardous foods.

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

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Inspector Observations: *Some clean working utensils including rice scoops and knives were stored on unclean surface and on the gap between the fridges.*

[CA] *All reusable utensils including the ice scoop must be stored on clean surface/container in between use.*

Multiple working utensils and equipment were stored on the floor in the dishwashing area.

[CA] *Store all utensils off the floor on approved storage shelf, cart, or containers.*

K40 - 2 Points - Wiping cloths: improperly used and stored; 114135, 114185.1 114185.3(d,e)

Inspector Observations: *There was very low sanitizer concentration on one of the sanitizer buckets.*

[CA] *Maintain the sanitizer concentration on the sanitizer buckets at 200 ppm quaternary ammonia. 100 ppm chlorine (bleach), 272 ppm -700 ppm lactic acid levels.*

K44 - 2 Points - Premises not clean, not in good repair; No personal/chemical storage; inadequate vermin-proofing; 114067(j), 114123, 114143 (a,b), 114256, 114256.1, 114256.2, 114256.4, 114257, 114257.1, 114259, 114259.2, 114259.3, 114279, 114281, 114282

Inspector Observations: *The back door was left open.*

[CA] *To prevent insect/rodent infections, keep the back door always closed or install a screen door.*

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

Inspector Observations: *Food residue and slime buildup was observed on the floor and the floor sinks located below the preparation and wash sinks.*

[CA] *Conduct thorough and regular cleaning on the floor areas.*

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

Needs Improvement - Food contact surfaces clean, sanitized.

Needs Improvement - Proper hot and cold holding temperatures.

Measured Observations

<u>Item</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Measurement</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Noodle	Final cook	165.00 Fahrenheit	
Hot water	Three compartment sink	125.00 Fahrenheit	
Rice	Rice steamer	145.00 Fahrenheit	
Sliced tofu	Preparation fridge	58.00 Fahrenheit	
Noodle	Walk-in cooler	35.00 Fahrenheit	
Diced tomato	Preparation fridge	53.00 Fahrenheit	
Tofu	Final cook	170.00 Fahrenheit	
Chlorine	Mechanical dishwasher	50.00 PPM	

Overall Comments:

Note: *Food safety manager certificate: Austin Le - 10/12/2028*

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 **5/12/2026**. 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: Lam Dung
Manager

Signed On: April 28, 2026