

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0209310 - EL JALAPENO ROJO		Site Address 400 W SAN CARLOS ST, SAN JOSE, CA 95110		Inspection Date 02/23/2024		Placard Color & Score <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> GREEN 95 </div>		
Program PR0306394 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name ALUM ROCK PARTNERS LLC		Inspection Time 12:45 - 13:45			
Inspected By KAYA ALASSFAR		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By ALEXANDRA GALAN				FSC JUAN JOSE GARCIA GUERRERO 3/29/2027

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						
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						S
K06	Adequate handwash facilities supplied, accessible	X						
K07	Proper hot and cold holding temperatures	X						
K08	Time as a public health control; procedures & records						X	
K09	Proper cooling methods			X				N
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						
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	X	
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		
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

K09 - 3 Points - Improper cooling methods; 114002, 114002.1

Inspector Observations: Cooked chicken was cooling inside refrigerator in deep plastic containers.

[CA] Cool foods using approved containers which facilitate heat transfer, such as metal. Properly cool PHF's using shallow containers, using no more than 2 inches for solid foods and no more than 4 inches for liquids.

K27 - 2 Points - Food not separated and unprotected; 113984(a-d,f), 113986, 114060, 114067(a,d,e,j), 114069(a,b), 114077, 114089.1(c), 114143(c)

Inspector Observations: Containers of cooked chicken were stored below raw meat inside freezer.

[CA] All food shall be separated and protected from cross-contamination. Store all raw meat or other raw products of animal origin below ready-to-eat food items.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

Needs Improvement - Proper cooling methods.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
CHILE RELLENO	REACH IN REFRIGERATOR	41.00 Fahrenheit	
CHICKEN	STEAM TABLE	155.00 Fahrenheit	
WARM WATER	HAND SINK	100.00 Fahrenheit	
BEEF	IN TRAY ON ICE	119.00 Fahrenheit	ACTIVELY COOLING
HOT WATER	3-COMPARTMENT SINK	120.00 Fahrenheit	
RICE	STEAM TABLE	147.00 Fahrenheit	
CHICKEN	2 DOOR REFRIGERATOR	95.00 Fahrenheit	ACTIVELY COOLING
SHRIMP	PREP REDFRIGERATOR	40.00 Fahrenheit	
PORK	PREP REDFRIGERATOR	40.00 Fahrenheit	
CUT TOMATOES	PREP REDFRIGERATOR	39.00 Fahrenheit	
BEANS	STEAM TABLE	150.00 Fahrenheit	
PORK	3 DOOR REFRIGERATOR	40.00 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 **3/8/2024**. 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: ALEXANDRA GALAN
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Signed On: February 23, 2024