

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0208722 - EL CERRITO TAQUERIA AND CENADURIA		Site Address 3110 MCKEE RD, SAN JOSE, CA 95127		Inspection Date 01/17/2025		Placard Color & Score GREEN 86		
Program PR0300758 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name EL CERRITO TAQUERIA AND		Inspection Time 14:20 - 15:40			
Inspected By MAMAYE KEBEDE		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By AARON RAMOS				FSC Not Available

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						N
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						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						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						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	X	
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		X
K41	Plumbing approved, installed, in good repair; proper backflow devices		X
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

K01 - 3 Points - Inadequate demonstration of knowledge; food manager certification

Inspector Observations: *There is not a food safety manager certified person in the facility.*

[CA] *Someone from the facility must take a food safety certificate class within two months and keep copy of the certificate on file.*

Food Safety Manager certificate class may be taken on the following websites:

1. Premier Food Safety:

<https://www.premierfoodsafety.com/food-manager-certification/california>

2. Learn 2 Serve:

<https://www.360training.com/learn2serve/food-safety-manager/California>

3. Serve Safe Manager:

<https://www.servsafe.com/ServSafe-Manager>

Couple of the employees do not have food handler cards.

[CA] *Employee engaged in food preparation, storage, and service and who do not have food safety certificate must take food handler cards within a month of hire.*

California approved Food Handler Card (FHC) class providers

All Directory Listing

(a)<https://anabpd.ansi.org/Accreditation/credentialing/certificate-issuers/AllDirectoryListing?prgID=228,238&statu sID=4nsi.org>

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

Inspector Observations: *Cooling of freshly cooked rice, beef stew, and beans was being done at room temperature.*

[CA] *All hot-held food products must be cooled from 135 OF to 70 OF within the first two hours and from 70 OF to 41 OF with another four hours by:*

(1) *Placing the FOOD in shallow pans.*

(2) *Separating the FOOD into smaller or thinner portions.*

(3) *Using rapid cooling EQUIPMENT.*

(4) *Using containers that facilitate heat transfer.*

(5) *Adding ice as an ingredient.*

(6) *Using ice paddles.*

(7) *Inserting appropriately designed containers in an ice bath and stirring frequently.*

The manager was demonstrated on the proper cooling procedure using an ice bath and smaller portions.

K34 - 2 Points - Warewashing facilities: not installed or maintained; no test strips; 114067(f,g), 114099, 114099.3, 114099.5, 114101(a), 114101.1, 114101.2, 114103, 114107, 114125

Inspector Observations: *There is no approved sanitizer measuring strip to measure the concentration of the chemicals used to sanitize dishes and utensils in the facility.*

[CA] *Provide approved sanitizer measuring strips for the chemicals used in sanitizing utensils, equipment, and food contact surfaces.*

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

Inspector Observations: *Couple of wet/soiled wiping cloths were stored on the counters.*

[CA] *Wet/soiled wiping cloths must be stored in a bucket that has standard sanitizer concentration in between use which is 200 ppm quaternary ammonia or 100 ppm chlorine (bleach).*

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K41 - 2 Points - Plumbing unapproved, not installed, not in good repair; improper backflow devices; 114171, 114189.1, 114190, 114192, 114193, 114193.1, 114199, 114201, 114269

Inspector Observations: The ice machine located in the front service counter area drains into a plumbing structure which is connected to the sewer line.

[CA] Drains from preparation sink, fridge, and ice machine must flash into a floor sink. Since there is no floor sink below the ice machine, the ice machine has stop operating until it is relocated into an area which has a floor sink around it. Plan and specification must be submitted to our office and the city's building department to relocate the ice machine or to modify the plumbing structure of the premise. Please contact our plan check unit via an email dehplanchek@deh.sccgov.org for any question and submission of plan.

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

Inspector Observations: Some damaged floor patches were observed back in the kitchen area.

[CA] Repair the floor with a durable, smooth, nonabsorbent, and easily cleanable surface. Plan must be submitted to our office for approval if the whole floor is going to be replaced.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

Needs Improvement - Communicable disease; reporting/restriction/exclusion.

Needs Improvement - Food contact surfaces clean, sanitized.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
Beef	Final cook	164.00 Fahrenheit	
Chicken	Steam table	163.00 Fahrenheit	
Rice	Walk-in cooler	34.00 Fahrenheit	
Hot water	Three compartment sink	125.00 Fahrenheit	
Beef	Walk-in cooler	39.00 Fahrenheit	
Quaternary ammonia	Three compartment sink	200.00 PPM	
Rice	Steam table	145.00 Fahrenheit	
Chicken	Walk-in cooler	41.00 Fahrenheit	
Pork	Steam table	149.00 Fahrenheit	

Overall Comments:

Note: Food safety manager certificate:

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 **1/31/2025**. 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.

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: AARON RAMOS
Owner

Signed On: January 17, 2025