

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0209890 - TACOMANIA RESTAURANT		Site Address 5292 MONTEREY RD, SAN JOSE, CA 95111		Inspection Date 02/24/2025		Placard Color & Score RED 82		
Program PR0300486 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name FLORES, JOSEFINA		Inspection Time 11:10 - 12:20			
Inspected By JENNIFER RIOS		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By MARCELO				FSC Joanna Torres Moreland 10/19/2026

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		S
K05	Hands clean, properly washed; gloves used properly					X		S
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						S
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		
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		

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

Comments and Observations

Major Violations

K21 - 8 Points - Hot and cold water not available; 113953(c), 114099.2(b), 114163(a), 114189, 114192, 114192.1, 11419

Inspector Observations: Hot water measured 98F at three compartment sink and 96F at handwash sink. [CA] Hot water shall be supplied at a minimum temperature of at least 120°F measured from the faucet throughout facility except at handwash sinks.

Facility is hereby closed.

Minor Violations

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

Inspector Observations: Missing food handler card for employee working. [CA] Each food handler shall maintain a valid food handler card for the duration of his or her employment as food handler. A valid food handler card shall be provided within 30 days of after the date of hire.

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

Inspector Observations: Rice cooling on racks measured 120F to 122F. Per PIC, it had finished cooking 30 minutes prior to temperature measurement. [CA] After heating or hot holding, Potentially Hazardous Foods (PHFs) shall be cooled rapidly from 135°F to 70°F within 2 hours and from 70°F to 41°F within 4 hours. Approved cooling methods include:

- 1) Placing the food in shallow pans
- 2) Separating the food into thinner or smaller portions.
- 3) Using rapid cooling equipment (Ex. blast chiller)
- 4) Using containers that facilitate heat transfer (ex. stainless steel)
- 5) Adding ice as an ingredient.
- 6) Using ice paddles
- 7) Using an ice bath and stirring frequently
- 8) Accordance with a HACCP plan.

Cooling foods shall have enough space around the containers for cold air to circulate, be loosely covered, or uncovered and stirred as frequently needed to evenly cool.

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: Observed bowls used as scoops in bulk food storage containers. [CA] Provide scoops with handles and store scoop handle in such a way that the handle does not come in direct contact with food to prevent contamination.

K49 - 2 Points - Permits not available; 114067(b,c), 114381(a), 114387

Inspector Observations: Environmental health permit posted is expired. [CA] Post the current Environmental Health Permit.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

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Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
Warm water	Restroom handwash	76.00 Fahrenheit	
Chlorine	Sanitizing bucket	100.00 PPM	
Salsa	Reach in fridge	41.00 Fahrenheit	
Diced tomatoes	Cold holding insert	37.00 Fahrenheit	
Birria	Hot holding	154.00 Fahrenheit	
Hot water	Three compartment sink	98.00 Fahrenheit	
Warm water	Handwash sink	96.00 Fahrenheit	
Pork	Walk in fridge	44.00 Fahrenheit	Cooling from prep
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Beef	Reach in fridge	41.00 Fahrenheit	
Carne asada	Hot holding	144.00 Fahrenheit	
Rice	Cooling on trays	122.00 Fahrenheit	
Beef	Reach in freezer	5.00 Fahrenheit	
Beans	Cooling on trays	136.00 Fahrenheit	
Ambient air	Walk in fridge	40.00 Fahrenheit	

Overall Comments:

All food preparation must cease and desist. All food preparation for mobile food facilities must be conducted at second location 2762 Aborn Road, San Jose. No food preparation for mobile food facility may occur within this facility while it is closed.

Facility is hereby closed due to failure to supply adequate hot water.

Facility is to remain closed until:

- Hot water has been restored to facility and a follow up inspection is conducted by this department.

Facility is to remain closed until authorization is given by this Division to reopen.

- Contact district inspector once major violation has been corrected and checklist items have been completed.

- Subsequent follow-up inspection after first follow-up shall be billed \$298/hour, minimum one hour, during normal business hours (Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM), and \$645/hour, minimum two hours, during non-business hours, and upon inspector availability.

The posted placard is property of the Santa Clara County Department of Environmental Health and shall not be removed, covered-up, relocated, tampered, or copied. Failure to comply may result in enforcement actions per County Ordinance Code Section B11-55.

A facility found to be in continued operation without a permit may incur a penalty of three (3) times the operating permit fee, and fee(s) for re-inspection(s) charged at the current hourly rate approved by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. Penalties and fees incurred due to enforcement activities must be paid in full prior to the issuance of an operating permit.

CLOSURE / PERMIT SUSPENSION NOTICE

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 **3/10/2025**. 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.

This notice is to inform you that as of this date the Environmental Health Permit for the above mentioned food facility is hereby suspended and all operations therewith are ordered to cease. This action is taken in accordance with Section 114409 of the California Health and Safety Code which states 'If any imminent health hazard is found, unless the hazard is immediately corrected, an enforcement officer may temporarily suspend the permit and order the food facility or cottage food operation immediately closed.'

You have the right to make a written request for a hearing within 15 days after receipt of this notice to show just cause why the permit suspension is not warranted. Failure to request such a hearing within the 15-day period shall be deemed a waiver of the right to a hearing. After these violations have been corrected, you must call the Department of Environmental Health for a reinspection to reinstate the permit to operate. Phone #: (408)918-3400.

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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: Marcelo Rodriguez
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Signed On: February 24, 2025