

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0204426 - DARBAR INDIAN CUISINE		Site Address 129 LYTTON AV, PALO ALTO, CA 94301		Inspection Date 08/24/2026		Placard Color & Score GREEN 88		
Program PR0305330 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name DARBAR ENTERPRISES INC		Inspection Time 11:45 - 13:00			
Inspected By TRAVIS KETCHU		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By MANDEEP SINGH				FSC Davinder Singh 11/5/2028

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						S
K07	Proper hot and cold holding temperatures	X						
K08	Time as a public health control; procedures & records	X						
K09	Proper cooling methods			X	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				
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	X	
K31	Consumer self service does prevent contamination		
K32	Food properly labeled and honestly presented		
K33	Nonfood contact surfaces clean	X	
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		
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: Measured curry at 56 F within two large plastic containers stored within the 3 door upright refrigerator. Cook stated that the curry was removed from cooking 3 hours prior. Measured cooked vegetables at 93 F within a deep lexan container. Cook stated the dish was removed from cooking 1.5 hours prior. [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. [COS] Ice wand added to the curry. Cooked vegetables placed within shallow metal containers to allow for rapid cooling.

K21 - 3 Points - Hot and cold water not available; 113953(c), 114099.2(b), 114163(a), 114189, 114192, 114192.1, 11419

Inspector Observations: The front dump sink at the waiter station lacks a supply of hot water. [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.

K30 - 2 Points - Food storage containers are not identified; 114047, 114049, 114051, 114053, 114055, 114067(h), 114069 (b)

Inspector Observations: Chicken boxes stored on the floor of the kitchen. [CA] Food shall be stored at least 6 inches above the floor to prevent contamination.

K33 - 2 Points - Nonfood contact surfaces not clean; 114115(c)

Inspector Observations: Observed the build-up of dust and debris on the hood filters above the tandoori ovens. [CA] Clean hood filters as needed to prevent the build-up of debris.

Observed the build-up of food debris behind storage shelving in the dry storage area. [CA] Floor surfaces shall be kept free of an accumulation of dust, dirt, food residue, and other debris.

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: Observed the use of bricks and wood to elevate the shelving within the dry storage room and pipes below the warewashing area. [CA] Discontinue the use of wood and bricks to elevate equipment. Use approved legs or casters.

Observed the re-use of single use garlic, yogurt, etc, containers. [CA] Food containers intended for single use shall not be reused.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

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Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
diced tomatoes	prep fridge	40.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked chicken	container at cook line	155.00 Fahrenheit	
samosa	upright fridge	40.00 Fahrenheit	
yogurt sauce	glass door fridge	38.00 Fahrenheit	
chicken	upright fridge	38.00 Fahrenheit	
warm water	hand wash sink	100.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked chicken	upright fridge	40.00 Fahrenheit	
curry	3 door upright fridge	56.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked veggies	3 door upright fridge	93.00 Fahrenheit	
chlorine sanitizer	warewashing machine	50.00 PPM	
hot water	3 comp, prep sinks	120.00 Fahrenheit	
lentils	rack	150.00 Fahrenheit	cooling rack

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 **9/7/2026**. 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.

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: mandeep singh
owner

Signed On: August 24, 2026