

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0214019 - MERIT VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT		Site Address 548 LAWRENCE EX 2, SUNNYVALE, CA 94086		Inspection Date 10/14/2026		Placard Color & Score GREEN 69		
Program PR0305114 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name COB CONU FYE		Inspection Time 10:35 - 12:05			
Inspected By HAYLEY MENTZ		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By HOA				FSC Ai Hoa Lam 04/18/2030

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						S
K06	Adequate handwash facilities supplied, accessible	X						
K07	Proper hot and cold holding temperatures		X		X			
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						S
K15	Food obtained from approved source	X						
K16	Compliance with shell stock tags, condition, display						X	
K17	Compliance with Gulf Oyster Regulations		X		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	X	
K33	Nonfood contact surfaces clean	X	
K34	Warewash facilities: installed/maintained; test strips	X	
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	X	
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

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

Inspector Observations: *Bean sprouts sitting on prep counter were measure at 55F. Per PIC, bean sprouts were taken out of temperature control less than one hour prior to inspection.*

[CA] *PHFs shall be held at 41°F or below.*

[COS] *Bean sprouts were placed back into walk-in.*

K17 - 8 Points - Non-compliance with Gulf Oyster Regulations; 113707; Title 17 CA Code of Regulations § 13675

Minor Violations

K23 - 3 Points - Observed rodents, insects, birds, or animals; 114259.1, 114259.4, 114259.5

Inspector Observations: *Fruit flies in back prep area.*

[CA] *Food facility shall be kept free of non-disease carrying insects, weevils, ants, gnats, and fruit flies.*

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

Inspector Observations: *Boxes of food items stored on floor of walk-in cooler.*

[CA] *Food shall be stored at least 6 inches above the floor to prevent contamination.*

K32 - 2 Points - Food improperly labeled & not honestly presented: 114087, 114089, 114089.1(a, b), 114090, 114093.1

Inspector Observations: *Cake slices and pudding cups in 2-door reach-in cooler next to cashier area are lacking labels.*

[CA] *Food prepackaged in a food facility shall bear a label with the following: 1) common name of the food, 2) list of ingredients in descending order of predominance by weight, 3) quantity of contents, 4) name and place of business of the manufacturer, packer, or distributor.*

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

Inspector Observations: *Food debris build-up on handles to refrigerators and sides of prep coolers.*

[CA] *Nonfood-contact surfaces of equipment shall be kept free of an accumulation of dust, dirt, food residue, and other debris.*

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: *No test strips were available at time of inspection.*

[CA] *Testing equipment and materials shall be provided to adequately measure the applicable sanitization method used during manual or mechanical warewashing.*

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: *Household mini freezers in use inside of facility.*

[CA] *New and/or replacement food equipment shall be certified or classified for sanitation by an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited certification program (e.g. NSF, UL EPH, UL Sanitation, CSA Sanitation, or ETL Sanitation).*

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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: Back door to food prep area is propped open.

[CA] Keep back door closed at all times to prevent the entrance and harborage of vermin.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
tofu	prep insert	38.00 Fahrenheit	
tofu	2-door upright	41.00 Fahrenheit	
bean sprout	3-door under counter #2	40.00 Fahrenheit	
tomato	prep insert #3	41.00 Fahrenheit	
rice	rice cooker	170.00 Fahrenheit	
cake	2-door reach in	40.00 Fahrenheit	
tofu	2-door upright	40.00 Fahrenheit	
broth	walk-in	39.00 Fahrenheit	
tofu	walk-in	39.00 Fahrenheit	
noodles	3-door under counter	39.00 Fahrenheit	
broth	cookline	200.00 Fahrenheit	
green juice	2-door under counter	38.00 Fahrenheit	
pudding	2-door reach in	40.00 Fahrenheit	
warm water	handwash sink	100.00 Fahrenheit	
tofu	one door under counter	41.00 Fahrenheit	
egg roll	cookline	180.00 Fahrenheit	
ambient	2-door reach in #2	40.00 Fahrenheit	
rice	3-door under counter #3	41.00 Fahrenheit	
hot water	3-comp sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
noodles	walk-in	39.00 Fahrenheit	
chlorine	dishwasher	50.00 PPM	
tofu	prep insert #2	41.00 Fahrenheit	
tomato	prep insert #2	41.00 Fahrenheit	
tofu	prep surface	108.00 Fahrenheit	active cooling

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 **10/28/2026**. 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: Hoa
manager
Signed On: October 14, 2026