

# County of Santa Clara

## Department of Environmental Health

### Consumer Protection Division

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## OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

<b>Facility</b> FA0210005 - LAS CAZUELAS TAQUERIA		<b>Site Address</b> 55 RACE ST, SAN JOSE, CA 95126		<b>Inspection Date</b> 12/23/2024		<b>Placard Color &amp; Score</b> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">GREEN</div> <div style="font-size: 3em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">94</div>		
<b>Program</b> PR0301438 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			<b>Owner Name</b> LAS CAZUELAS BAR & GRILL		<b>Inspection Time</b> 08:45 - 10:00			
<b>Inspected By</b> LAWRENCE DODSON		<b>Inspection Type</b> ROUTINE INSPECTION		<b>Consent By</b> PAULINA BERMUDEZ				<b>FSC</b> Graciela Armas 1/19/2026

  

RISK FACTORS AND INTERVENTIONS		IN	OUT		COS/SA	N/O	N/A	PBI
			Major	Minor				
K01	Demonstration of knowledge; food safety certification	X						
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						
K07	Proper hot and cold holding temperatures	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						
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	X	
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	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

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: Raw shrimp stored above ready to eat food in standing refrigerator.**

**[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.**

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

**Inspector Observations: Boxed food stored directly on the floor of the walk-in freezer.[CA] Food shall be stored at least 6 inches above the floor to prevent contamination.**

**White crystalline substance held at rear preparation table. is not labeled.[CA] Working containers holding food or food ingredients that are removed from their original packages shall be identified with the common name of the food if not easily recognizable.**

**Cooked foods stored uncovered in walk-in refrigerator.**

**[CA] Store open bulk foods in approved NSF containers with tight fitting lids.**

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: Cardboard used to line shelves in rear storage room.[CA] Discontinue the use of cardboard boxes to line shelves/flooring, use approved equipment made of materials that is easily cleanable, durable, smooth, and nonabsorbent.**

### Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

### Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
raw beef	drawer refrigerator	39.00 Fahrenheit	
water	3 compartment sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked pork	hot holding unit	189.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked rice	hot holding unit	137.00 Fahrenheit	
water	hand wash sink	100.00 Fahrenheit	
sliced tomato	preparation refrigerator	40.00 Fahrenheit	
sanitizer concentration	3 compartment sink	100.00 PPM	chlorine
walk-in refrigerator	storage	37.00 Fahrenheit	
raw shrimp	standing refrigerator	39.00 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 **1/6/2025**. 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.

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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: Paulina Bermudez  
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Signed On: December 23, 2024