

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0230654 - LOS ALTOS TAQUERIA		Site Address 2105 OLD MIDDLEFIELD WY STE E, MOUNTAIN VIE		Inspection Date 01/21/2025		Placard Color & Score GREEN 81		
Program PR0330725 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name LOS ALTOS TAQUERIA LLC		Inspection Time 15:35 - 16:50			
Inspected By TRAVIS KETCHU		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By JUAN VALLE				FSC Ruben Ruiz ocha - 11/09/2025

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						
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	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		
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		
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

K09 - 8 Points - Improper cooling methods; 114002, 114002.1

Inspector Observations: Measured cooked beef at 60 F to 68 F within stacked covered containers within the in the walk in fridge. PIC stated that the beef was cooked 5 to 6 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] Beef reheated to 165 F to re-start the cooling process. Beef placed within shallow pans on ice to facilitate rapid cooling.

Minor Violations

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

Inspector Observations: Some employee food handler cards are missing or expired.

[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.

K07 - 3 Points - Improper hot and cold holding temperatures; 11387.1, 113996, 113998, 114037, 114343(a)

Inspector Observations: Measured sliced tomatoes at 47 F stored above the fill line at the preparation refrigerator.

[CA] PHFs shall be held at 41°F or below or at 135°F or above.

[COS] Tomatoes reduced below the fill line to be held at 41 F or below.

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

Inspector Observations: Observed drain fly activity throughout the rear dry storage and janitorial areas.

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

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: The mop rack above the janitorial sink is broken. Mops are stored within a bucket.

[CA] Mop rack or other devices not made available to hang and store cleaning tools. After use, mops shall be placed in a position that allows them to air-dry without soiling walls, equipment, or supplies.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

N/A

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Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
salsa	walk in fridge	40.00 Fahrenheit	
chicken	steam table	152.00 Fahrenheit	
sliced tomatoes	prep fridge	47.00 Fahrenheit	
rice	steam table	148.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked pork	walk in fridge 2	120.00 Fahrenheit	cooling on ice
beans	steam table	147.00 Fahrenheit	
shredded cheese	prep fridge	40.00 Fahrenheit	
raw beef	under grill fridge	35.00 Fahrenheit	
raw fish	walk in fridge 2	40.00 Fahrenheit	
horchata	ice insert	40.00 Fahrenheit	
shrimp	prep fridge	37.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked beef	walk in fridge	68.00 Fahrenheit	
cheese	walk in fridge	39.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked beef	grill	190.00 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 **2/4/2025**. 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

Juan Valle

Received By: juan valle
PIC
Signed On: January 21, 2025