

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

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| Facility FA0208285 - CARLITOS TIJUANA GRILL | | Site Address 2651 SENTER RD, SAN JOSE, CA 95111 | | Inspection Date 02/03/2026 | |
| Program PR0304255 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11 | | | Owner Name CARLOS CASTANEDA CORO | | Inspection Time 13:10 - 14:40 |
| Inspected By MARCELA MASRI | Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION | Consent By CARLOS CORONA | FSC CARLOS CORONA 10-11-29 | | |

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| Placard Color & Score |
| GREEN |
| 91 |

| 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 | | | | | | 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 | 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 | X | X |
| 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 | X | |
| 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

No major violations were observed during this inspection.

Minor Violations

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

Inspector Observations: FOUND A POT OF RICE WITH A LID COOLING AT 130F WITHOUT ANY ACTIVE COOLING ACTIVITY AT THE FOOD PREP SINK. [CA] ENSURE TO ACTIVELY COOL ONCE IT REACHES 135F. COS.

K31 - 2 Points - Consumer self service does not prevent contamination; 114063, 114065

Inspector Observations: FOUND THE SPOONS AND FORKS FOR SELF SERVICE EXPOSED TO OVERHEAD CONTAMINATION AT THE FRONT SERVICE AREA. [CA] STORE THE UTENSILS WITH THE EATING PART FACING DOWN OR IN A WAY TO PROTECT FROM OVERHEAD CONTAMINATION.

K40 - 2 Points - Wiping cloths: improperly used and stored; 114135, 114185.1 114185.3(d,e)

Inspector Observations: FOUND A WIPING CLOTH ON THE FOOD PREP COUNTER. [CA] STORE WIPING CLOTHS IN A SANITIZER SOLUTION WHILE NOT IN USE.

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: FOUND THE MOP INSIDE THE MOP BUCKET. [CA] HANG THE MOP TO AIR DRY.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

| Item | Location | Measurement | Comments |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| BIRRIA | HOT HOLDING | 145.00 Fahrenheit | |
| HOT WATER | HAND WASH SINK | 100.00 Fahrenheit | |
| CARNE ASADA | COOKING TEMP | 160.00 Fahrenheit | |
| SALSA | SALSA REFRIGERATOR | 40.00 Fahrenheit | |
| SOUR CREAM | SERVICE REFRIGERATOR | 30.00 Fahrenheit | |
| MEAT | WALK IN COOLER | 33.00 Fahrenheit | |
| RICE | COOLING AT THE FOOD PREP SINK | 130.00 Fahrenheit | |
| SHRIMP | REACH IN FREEZER | 20.00 Fahrenheit | |
| CUT TOMATO | SERVICE REFRIGERATOR | 40.00 Fahrenheit | |
| POZOLE | WALK IN COOLER | 35.00 Fahrenheit | |
| BEANS | HOT HOLDING | 146.00 Fahrenheit | |
| HOT WATER | 3 COMPARTMENT INK | 120.00 Fahrenheit | |
| BEANS | REACH IN FREEZER | 20.00 Fahrenheit | |
| RICE | HOT HOLDING | 159.00 Fahrenheit | |
| CHEESE | SERVICE REFRIGERATOR | 35.00 Fahrenheit | |
| GUACAMOLE | SERVICE REFRIGERATOR | 40.00 Fahrenheit | |

Overall Comments:

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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 2/17/2026. 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: CARLOS CORONA
OWNER

Signed On: February 03, 2026