

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0210716 - EL SOL MARKET		Site Address 705 N 13TH ST, SAN JOSE, CA 95112		Inspection Date 01/13/2025		Placard Color & Score GREEN 90		
Program PR0301807 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name LOPEZ, FRANCISCO		Inspection Time 10:10 - 11:10			
Inspected By MINDY NGUYEN		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By ISABEL				FSC ISABEL LOPEZ 10/12/2025

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						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						S
K08	Time as a public health control; procedures & records					X		
K09	Proper cooling methods		X		X			N
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	
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		
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		
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: Inside the walk-in refrigerator: measured internal temperature of cooked meats to be 44-45F. PIC stated meats were cooked last night. Meats were stored inside tall metal containers (more than 6 inches tall); PIC stated dishes are usually cooled by placing containers without lids into the walk-in refrigerator, then lids are put on later. Note: other items in the walk-in refrigerator measured 41F and below.

[CA] Whenever food has been prepared or heated so that it becomes PHF, it shall be rapidly cooled:

- From 135°F to 70°F in 2 hours, AND
- From 70°F to 41°F in 4 hours

Potentially hazardous foods must be rapidly cooled using one or more of the following methods:

- Placing the food in shallow pans
- Separating the food into smaller or thinner portions
- Using rapid cooling equipment
- Using containers that facilitate heat transfer
- Adding ice as an ingredient
- Using ice paddles
- Inserting appropriately designed containers in an ice bath and stirring frequently

[SA] Meats were voluntarily discarded. See VC&D form.

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: Inside an upright freezer: observed raw meats stored above cooked tamales.

[CA] Store raw animal products below/away from ready-to-eat foods to prevent cross-contamination.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

Needs Improvement - Proper cooling methods.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
RAW MEATS	WALK-IN REFRIGERATOR, BACK AREA	40.00 Fahrenheit	
PICO DE GALLO	PREP INSERT/SELF SERVICE	40.00 Fahrenheit	
COOKED MEATS	WALK-IN REFRIGERATOR	44.00 Fahrenheit	44-45F
BEANS	HOT HOLDING	150.00 Fahrenheit	
WARM WATER	HANDWASH SINK	100.00 Fahrenheit	
HOT WATER	3-COMPARTMENT SINK	120.00 Fahrenheit	
SLICED TOMATOES	PREP INSERT	40.00 Fahrenheit	
CHLORINE	SANITIZER BUCKET	200.00 PPM	OVER 200PPM

Overall Comments:

El Sol Market - Kitchen inspection

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 **1/27/2025**. 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: Isabel Lopez
Manager

Signed On: January 13, 2025