

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0269332 - NEXUS BAR AND GRILL LLC		Site Address 32 S 3RD ST, SAN JOSE, CA 95113		Inspection Date 08/18/2026		Placard Color & Score YELLOW 56		
Program PR0400565 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 2 - FP10			Owner Name HUGO VALDIVIA		Inspection Time 12:45 - 14:15			
Inspected By ALEXANDER ALFARO		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By LILIANA				FSC

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						S
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		X			
K14	Food contact surfaces clean, sanitized		X		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	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		X
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:

1. Bean sprouts on the prep table measured between 45-50F. Per cook, they were removed from the cooler about 15 minutes prior.

2. Pork belly on the flat grill measured at 108F. Per cook, they were finished cooking about 30 minutes prior

3. Fried plantains on an unused gas stove near the cookline measured at 100F. Per cook, they were finished cooking about 30 minutes prior.

4. Raw shelled eggs stored on the bottom shelf of the prep cooler measured at 70F. Per cook, they were removed from the cooler about 1 hour prior.

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

[COS] 1. Bean sprouts were returned to the cooler.

[COS] 2. Pork belly was reheated to 165F and placed on a water bath to maintain hot.

[COS] 3. Fried plantains were moved to the cooler to cool rapidly.

[COS] 4. Eggs were returned to the cooler to rapidly cool.

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

Inspector Observations:

Rice in a bus bin was measured at 80F. Per cook, it finished cooking about 2.5 hours prior and has been cooling since.

[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] Rice was discarded. See VC&D report.

K13 - 8 Points - Food not in good condition/unsafe/adulterated; 113967, 113976, 113980, 113988, 113990, 114035, 114041, 114254(c), 114254.3

Inspector Observations:

At the bar, several bottles of alcohol were found to be adulterated with insects.

[CA] Food is adulterated if it bears or contains any poisonous or deleterious substance that may render it impure or injurious to health and shall be discarded immediately.

[COS] Bottles were discarded. See VC&D report.

K14 - 8 Points - Food contact surfaces unclean and unsanitized; 113984(e), 114097, 114099.1, 114099.4, 114099.6, 114101, 114105, 114109, 114111, 114113, 114115(a,b,d), 114117, 14125(b), 114141

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Inspector Observations:

Staff were observed skipping the sanitizing step of warewashing when manually warewashing.

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[CA] Manual sanitization shall be accomplished in the final sanitizing rinse by contacting a chlorine solution of 100 PPM concentration for at least 30 seconds or by contacting a quaternary ammonium solution of 200 PPM concentration for at least 60 seconds.

[COS] EH inspector educated staff on sanitization step. A chlorine solution was made and dishes were sanitized.

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 foods were found stored above produce in the upright cooler.

[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:

Rice and bulk food containers were found stored on the floor.

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

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:

Facility lacks testing materials for their choice of sanitizer, chlorine.

[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:

Facility has non - ANSI chest freezers, an upright freezer, and microwave.

[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).

K39 - 2 Points - Thermometers missing or inaccurate; 114157, 114159

Inspector Observations:

Facility lacks a probe type thermometer.

[CA] An accurate easily readable metal probe thermometer (accurate to +/- 2°F) that is designed to measure the temperature of thin masses shall be provided and readily available to accurately measure the temperatures of potentially hazardous foods.

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:

Employee personal effects were found stored amongst food and food related equipment in the storage room.

[CA] Employee's personal effects (cell phone, car keys, and jackets) shall be stored in employee lockers or other designated areas for employee storage.

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Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
Rice	Prep Table	80.00 Fahrenheit	
Water	Three Compartment Sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
Rice	Prep Table	40.00 Fahrenheit	
Beverages	Undercounter Cooler - Bar	40.00 Fahrenheit	
Water	Handwash Sink	100.00 Fahrenheit	
Pork	Upright Cooler	38.00 Fahrenheit	
Fries	Freezer	10.00 Fahrenheit	IR
Chlorine - Sanitizer	Three Compartment Sink	100.00 PPM	

Overall Comments:

Notes:

- This is the first routine inspection since the facility has hired a new chef and changed menu from seafood to Chinese food. Menu was reviewed and approved onsite. Per Liliana, they changed chefs and menu about a month ago. ensure to have a Food Safety Certificate within 60 days of change in chef and new food handlers to obtain a food handler card within 30 days.

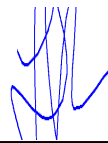
- Facility has submitted for a minor remodel (SR0885191). Reminded PIC that the plans were unapproved and revisions were pending to move the project further. Per PIC, they were unaware of any changes coming to the kitchen. Stated the architect on file was to submit to the City of San Jose for an entertainment permit.

- A follow up inspection will be conducted within 5 business days to verify compliance with major violations noted. The first follow up inspection is free of charge. Any and all subsequent follow up inspections shall be charged at the approved hourly rate of \$282.00/hr, minimum of one hour, during normal business hours: Monday through Friday 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, and \$645 for a minimum of two hours, during non-business hours, and upon inspector availability.

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 9/1/2026. 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: Liliana
Manager
Signed On: August 18, 2026