

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0205511 - MEXICO LINDO RESTAURANT		Site Address 11 RACE ST, SAN JOSE, CA 95126		Inspection Date 01/09/2024		Placard Color & Score <div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> GREEN 76 </div>		
Program PR0300960 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name MUNOZ, LINO		Inspection Time 14:45 - 16:00			
Inspected By LAWRENCE DODSON		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By LINO MUNOZ				FSC Lino Munoz 03/21/2026

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							
K16	Compliance with shell stock tags, condition, display					X		
K17	Compliance with Gulf Oyster Regulations					X		
K18	Compliance with variance/ROP/HACCP Plan							
K19	Consumer advisory for raw or undercooked foods							
K20	Licensed health care facilities/schools: prohibited foods not being offered							
K21	Hot and cold water available			X				
K22	Sewage and wastewater properly disposed							
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	X	
K27	Food separated and protected		
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	X	
K34	Warewash facilities: installed/maintained; test strips		
K35	Equipment, utensils: Approved, in good repair, adequate capacity		
K36	Equipment, utensils, linens: Proper storage and use	X	
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	X	
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

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

Inspector Observations: Sanitizer concentration at mechanical dishwasher is measured at 0PPM

[CA] Maintain chlorine in mechanical warewash machine at 50 PPM. [SA] Use available 2 compartment sink

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Minor Violations

K21 - 3 Points - Hot and cold water not available; 113953(c), 114099.2(b), 114163(a), 114189, 114192, 114192.1, 11419

Inspector Observations: water measured a maximum of 70F at janitorial sink.

[CA] Hot water shall be supplied at a minimum temperature of at least 120°F measured from the faucet throughout facility except at handwash sinks.

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

Inspector Observations: Moderate amount of drain flies found at bar sinks.[CA] Food facility shall be kept free of non-disease carrying insects, weevils, ants, gnats, and fruit flies.

K26 - 2 Points - Unapproved thawing methods used; frozen food; 114018, 114020, 114020.1

Inspector Observations: Frozen food found thawing at ambient temperature.

[CA] Frozen potentially hazardous food shall only be thawed in one of the following ways: 1) under refrigeration that maintains the food temperature at 41°F or below, 2) completely submerged under potable running water for a period not to exceed two hours at a water temperature of 70°F or below, and with sufficient water velocity to agitate and flush off loose particles into the sink drain, 3) in a microwave oven if immediately followed by immediate preparation, 4) as part of a cooking process.

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

Inspector Observations: Open bulk food found in walk-in refrigerator.[CA] Store open bulk foods in approved NSF containers with tight fitting lids.

K33 - 2 Points - Nonfood contact surfaces not clean; 114115(c)

Inspector Observations: Dust found on fan covers in walk-in refrigerator.[CA] Nonfood-contact surfaces of equipment shall be kept free of an accumulation of dust, dirt, food residue, and other debris.

K36 - 2 Points - Equipment, utensils, linens: Improper storage and use; 114074, 114081, 114119, 114121, 114161, 114178, 114179, 114083, 114185, 114185.2, 114185.3, 114185.4, 114185.5

Inspector Observations: Scoops in bulk containers lack handles.[CA] Use scoops with handles and store scoop handle in such a way that the handle does not come in direct contact with food to prevent contamination.

K46 - 2 Points - Unapproved private home/living/sleeping quarters; 114285, 114286

Inspector Observations: Sleeping quarters found at the rear of restaurant across from walk-in freezer.[CA] No sleeping accommodations shall be maintained or kept in any room where food is prepared, stored, or sold. 114286.

Living or sleeping quarters, separation

(a) No sleeping accommodations shall be maintained or kept in any room where FOOD is prepared, stored, or sold.

(b) Living or sleeping quarters located on the PREMISES of a FOOD FACILITY shall be separated from rooms and areas used for FOOD FACILITY operations by complete partitioning. Except for RESTRICTED FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES, no door or other opening shall be permitted in the partition that separates the FOOD FACILITY from the living or sleeping quarters.

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Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
sanitizer concentration	mechanical dishwasher	0.00 PPM	chlorine
sanitizer concentration	3 compartment sink/bar	50.00 PPM	chlorine
raw eggs	walk-in refrigerator	34.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked rice	walk-in refrigerator	35.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked beans	hot holding unit	140.00 Fahrenheit	
hot water	janitorial sink	70.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked rice	hot holding unit	138.00 Fahrenheit	
hot water	hand wash sink	100.00 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 1/23/2024. 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: Lino Munoz
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Signed On: January 09, 2024