

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0273384 - SMOKE EATERS MERCADO LP		Site Address 3175 MISSION COLLEGE BL, SANTA CLARA, CA 95		Inspection Date 05/21/2026		Placard Color & Score GREEN 93		
Program PR0413322 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 6-25 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP14			Owner Name SMOKE EATERS MERCADO		Inspection Time 15:30 - 16:30			
Inspected By THAO HA		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By HUGO CORONA				FSC Patrick Brioso 12/19/2029

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						
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	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		X
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

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

Inspector Observations: Cheese in prep cooler measured to be 46F. Cut tomatoes and sliced tomatoes measured to be between 44-46F in same unit. [CA] Maintain PHFs at 41F and below for cold holding. [COS] PHFs were placed on ice in side prep cooler insert.

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 observed to be stored with handle in food inside bulk dry foods [CA] Store scoops such that handles are not in direct contact with food

K45 - 2 Points - Floor, walls, ceilings: not built, not maintained, not clean; 114143(d), 114266, 114268, 114268.1, 114271, 114272

Inspector Observations: Ceiling observed to have built up debris by vents. Floors observed to have cracked tile around barrier between cookline and prep area. [CA] Ceiling, walls and/or floors in food preparation area shall be kept clean. Repair any broken tiles on floor

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

N/A

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
Chicken wings	2 door upright cooler	40.00 Fahrenheit	
Chicken wings	Walk in cooler	40.00 Fahrenheit	
Sliced cheese	Drawer under grill	38.00 Fahrenheit	
Sliced tomatoes	Prep cooler	44.00 Fahrenheit	
Hot water	3-comp sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
Warm water	handwash sink	100.00 Fahrenheit	
shredded cheese	Prep cooler	46.00 Fahrenheit	
Chicken Tenders	Walk in cooler	40.00 Fahrenheit	
Chicken wings	Walk in cooler	52.00 Fahrenheit	Per employee cooked about 4 hours prior
Chicken tenders	2 door upright cooler	41.00 Fahrenheit	
Chlorine	Upright dishwasher	50.00 Fahrenheit	
Cheese	2 door upright cooler	40.00 Fahrenheit	
Cut tomatoes	Prep cooler	46.00 Fahrenheit	
Raw beef	Drawer under grill	37.00 Fahrenheit	
Quat ammonia	3-comp sink	200.00 Fahrenheit	
Quat ammonia	Sanitizer bucket	200.00 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 **6/4/2026**. 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.

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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: Hugo Corona
Assistant Manager

Signed On: May 21, 2026