

County of Santa Clara
Department of Environmental Health
Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0204840 - LOTUS THAI BISTRO		Site Address 425 S CALIFORNIA AV, PALO ALTO, CA 94036		Inspection Date 05/19/2022	
Program PR0307121 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name TANTAVIROJN, RUNGSIRI		Inspection Time 11:05 - 12:40
Inspected By OBBY SHEHADEH	Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION	Consent By RUNGSIRI	FSC Chaisith Tantavirojn 12/12/2024		

Placard Color & Score
GREEN
85

RISK FACTORS AND INTERVENTIONS	IN	OUT		COS/SA	N/O	N/A	PBI
		Major	Minor				
K01 Demonstration of knowledge; food safety certification	X						S
K02 Communicable disease; reporting/restriction/exclusion	X						S
K03 No discharge from eyes, nose, mouth	X						S
K04 Proper eating, tasting, drinking, tobacco use	X						S
K05 Hands clean, properly washed; gloves used properly	X						S
K06 Adequate handwash facilities supplied, accessible			X				N
K07 Proper hot and cold holding temperatures		X		X			N
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		
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

K07 - 8 Points - Improper hot and cold holding temperatures; 11387.1, 113996, 113998, 114037, 114343(a)

Inspector Observations: Bean sprouts measured in the 2-door upright refrigerator at 51 degrees F. Per PIC, bean sprouts have been in the unit for less than 2 hours. Ambient of unit measured at 55 degrees F. Unit primarily used for vegetables.

[COS] PIC moved bean sprouts to other 2-door refrigerator.

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

Minor Violations

K06 - 3 Points - Inadequate handwash facilities: supplied or accessible; 113953, 113953.1, 113953.2, 114067(f)

Inspector Observations: Back area handwash sink is obstructed.

[CA] Handwashing facility shall be clean, unobstructed, and accessible at all times.

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

Inspector Observations: Soiled wiping cloth left on prep counter.

[CA] Wiping towels shall be stored in sanitizing solution of an approved concentration when not in use (100 ppm - chlorine, 200 ppm - quaternary ammonium).

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: Back door and window open at time of inspection. No screens available.

[CA] Keep back door closed at all times to prevent the entrance and harborage of vermin.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

Needs Improvement - Proper hot and cold holding temperatures.

Needs Improvement - Adequate handwash facilities: supplied or accessible.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
raw meat	2-door upright refrigerator	40.00 Fahrenheit	
ambient	2-door upright refrigerator	55.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked meat	2-door upright refrigerator	40.00 Fahrenheit	
peanut sauce	2-door upright refrigerator	40.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked chicken	refrigerator	36.00 Fahrenheit	
salmon	food prep refrigerator	39.00 Fahrenheit	
hot water	3-compartment sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
rice	rice warmer	141.00 Fahrenheit	
shrimp	food prep refrigerator	38.00 Fahrenheit	
tofu	food prep refrigerator	39.00 Fahrenheit	
raw chicken	single-door upright freezer	12.00 Fahrenheit	
warm water	handwash sinks	100.00 Fahrenheit	
bean sprouts	2-door upright refrigerator	51.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked beef	prep counter	187.00 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 **6/2/2022**. 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: Apisit
PIC
Signed On: May 19, 2022