

County of Santa Clara
Department of Environmental Health
Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0205708 - EL GRULLENSE MF		Site Address 1175 E JULIAN ST 5, SAN JOSE, CA 95116		Inspection Date 10/15/2025	
Program PR0304580 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name EL GRULLENSE MF		Inspection Time 10:15 - 11:30
Inspected By JENNIE PENALOZA	Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION	Consent By HERMELINDA REYES	FSC Marcelino Villegas 12/23/2026		

Placard Color & Score
YELLOW
77

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		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						
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	X	
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

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

Inspector Observations: Cooked tripe is stored under flat grill and measures between 110F - 112F; per cook, food was cooked about 2 hours before inspection.

Follow-up By
10/20/2025

**[CA] PHFs shall be held at 41°F or below or at 135°F or above.
Cook to discard meat after 2 hours.**

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

Inspector Observations: Large pot of cooked beans is sitting inside a large bucket of water. Per cook, the beans were cooked the night before; beans measure 68F - 74F (middle).

Follow-up By
10/20/2025

[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] Beans were voluntarily discarded - see VC&D.

Minor Violations

K13 - 3 Points - Food not in good condition/unsafe/adulterated; 113967, 113976, 113980, 113988, 113990, 114035, 114041, 114254(c), 114254.3

Inspector Observations: Debris observed on top of ice scoop. No contamination of ice observed.

[CA] Wash, rinse and sanitize ice scoop prior to using.

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: Food containers are left uncovered inside the upright freezer.

[CA] Provide lids/covers for all the food containers.

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: Cardboard lining observed on shelves in kitchen and walk-in cooler.

[CA] Discontinue the use of cardboard boxes to line shelves/flooring, use approved equipment made of materials that is easily cleanable, durable, smooth, and nonabsorbent.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

Needs Improvement - Proper cooling methods.

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Measured Observations

<u>Item</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Measurement</u>	<u>Comments</u>
raw shrimp	prep table	41.00 Fahrenheit	raw chicken - 39F raw beef - 35F
diced tomaotoes	top well	38.00 Fahrenheit	salsa - 38F cheese - 41F
diced tomatoes	reachin	34.00 Fahrenheit	beef soup - 34F
carnitas	steam table	153.00 Fahrenheit	pork - 154F beans - 169F rice - 168F carne asada - 151F
raw beef	walk-in cooler	38.00 Fahrenheit	cooked beef - 36F cooked beef - 36F
beans	water bath	68.00 Fahrenheit	68F - 74F
cheese cake	display case	36.00 Fahrenheit	
tripe	under flat grill	110.00 Fahrenheit	110F - 112F

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 **10/29/2025**. 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.

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: Hermelinda Reyes
Cook

Signed On: October 15, 2025