

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0254387 - GOOD KARMA ARTISAN ALES & CAFE		Site Address 37 S 1ST ST, SAN JOSE, CA 95113		Inspection Date 02/12/2026	
Program PR0371019 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name ROBERT SCHMELZER		Inspection Time 14:05 - 15:15
Inspected By ALEXANDER ALFARO	Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By ROBERT	FSC Sadie Miller 08/28/2030	

Placard Color & Score
GREEN
94

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						
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	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		
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		
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	X	

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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

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

Inspector Observations:

An open bulk box of chips was found open.

[CA] Store open bulk foods in approved NSF containers with tight fitting lids.

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

Inspector Observations:

FRP near the three compartment sink is beginning to detach.

[CA] Ensure to maintain the floors, walls, and ceilings of the facility clean and in good repair.

K47 - 2 Points - Signs not posted; last inspection report not available; 113725.1, 113953.5, 113978, 114381(e)

Inspector Observations:

The restroom handwash station lacks a handwash reminder sign.

[CA] A sign or poster that notifies food employees to wash their hands shall be posted at all handwashing stations used by food employees.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

<u>Item</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Measurement</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Water	Handwash Sinks	100.00 Fahrenheit	
Cooked Vegetables	Steam Table	140.00 Fahrenheit	
Beverages	Upright Cooler	40.00 Fahrenheit	
Cooked Vegetables	Upright Cooler	39.00 Fahrenheit	
Rice	Rice Cooker	140.00 Fahrenheit	
Water	Three Compartment Sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
Vegan Chicken	Steam Table	140.00 Fahrenheit	
Chlorine - Sanitizer	Three Compartment Sink	100.00 PPM	
Cooked Vegetables	Undercounter Freezer	3.00 Fahrenheit	
Quinoa	Rice Cooker	140.00 Fahrenheit	

Overall Comments:

Notes:

- Facility does not vacuum seal items but does reheat food in plastic bags to via water bath.
- Facility has provided a black curtain to clearly delineate between route to the restroom and the kitchen space.
- Per PIC, they replaced the toilet about 4 weeks prior. Toilet observed to be functioning as intended.

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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 2/26/2026. 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: Robert
Owner

Signed On: February 12, 2026