

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0286718 - RECOVERY CAFE SAN JOSE		Site Address 80 S 5TH ST, SAN JOSE, CA 95112		Inspection Date 01/16/2026		Placard Color & Score GREEN 85		
Program PR0429943 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 2 - FP10			Owner Name RECOVERY CAFE SAN JOSE		Inspection Time 09:50 - 11:00			
Inspected By ALEXANDER ALFARO		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By CHRISTOPHER CARUSO				FSC Christopher Caruso 01/04/2030

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		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		
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		X
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	X	

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K48	Plan review	
K49	Permits available	
K58	Placard properly displayed/posted	

Comments and Observations

Major Violations

K06 - 8 Points - Inadequate handwash facilities: supplied or accessible; 113953, 113953.1, 113953.2, 114067(f)

Inspector Observations:

The staff restroom lacked paper towels.

[CA] Handwashing facilities shall be equipped with handwashing cleanser and single-use sanitary towels in dispensers.

[COS] PIC had the restroom restocked at time of the inspection.

Minor Violations

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

Inspector Observations:

Frozen pizza boxes were found stored on a counter in the kitchen out of temperature control. Per PIC, they were planning on reheating them in about an hour.

[CA] Use only small portions of food during preparation so that it does not exceed the maximum amount of time allowed for diligent prep. Remove items from temperature control only when needed.

K43 - 2 Points - Toilet facilities: improperly constructed, supplied, cleaned; 114250, 114250.1, 114276

Inspector Observations:

The restroom toilet tissue dispenser is in disrepair, a roll was available on top of the toilet.

[CA] Toilet paper dispenser shall be maintained and in good repaired.

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

Inspector Observations:

The staff restroom lacks a handwash sink 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

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
Eggs	Walk in Cooler	38.00 Fahrenheit	
Milk	Undercounter Cooler	40.00 Fahrenheit	
Rice	Counter	42.00 Fahrenheit	Diligent Prep
Quaternary Ammonia - Sanitizer	Three Compartment Sinks	200.00 PPM	
Water	Handwash Sinks	100.00 Fahrenheit	
Water	Three Compartment Sinks	120.00 Fahrenheit	
Chlorine - Sanitizer	Dishwasher	50.00 PPM	
Chicken	Walk in Cooler	26.00 Fahrenheit	Thawing

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 **1/30/2026**. 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: Christopher Caruso
Kitchen Manager

Signed On: January 16, 2026