

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

1555 Berger Drive, Suite 300, San Jose, CA 95112-2716

Phone (408) 918-3400 www.ehinfo.org



OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0251885 - TAQUERIA EL CORAL		Site Address 426 W CAPITOL EX, SAN JOSE, CA 95136		Inspection Date 01/23/2026		Placard Color & Score GREEN 95		
Program PR0366162 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name TAQUERIA EL CORAL INC		Inspection Time 14:50 - 16:20			
Inspected By MARCELA MASRI		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By MILENA LOPEZ				FSC MARIA TORRES 6-14-28

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						S
K07	Proper hot and cold holding temperatures	X						S
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		
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		

OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0251885 - TAQUERIA EL CORAL	Site Address 426 W CAPITOL EX, SAN JOSE, CA 95136	Inspection Date 01/23/2026
Program PR0366162 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11	Owner Name TAQUERIA EL CORAL INC	Inspection Time 14:50 - 16:20
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

K14 - 3 Points - Food contact surfaces unclean and unsanitized; 113984(e), 114097, 114099.1, 114099.4, 114099.6, 114101, 114105, 114109, 114111, 114113, 114115(a,b,d), 114117, 14125(b), 114141

Inspector Observations: FOUND THE CHLORINE CONCENTRATION AT THE 3 COMPARTMENT SINK AT 50 PPM. [CA] PROVIDE 100 PPM CONCENTRATION.

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: FOUND A JACKET STORED ON TOP OF THE SODA BOTTLES ON A SHELF IN THE BACK ROOM. [CA] STORE PERSONAL ITEMS SEPARATE AND AWAY FROM FOOD OR FOOD RELATED ITEMS.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
HAM	SERVICE REFRIGERATOR	40.00 Fahrenheit	
CHICKEN	HOT HOLDING	157.00 Fahrenheit	
CARNE ASADA	REACH IN FREEZER	-7.00 Fahrenheit	
CHLORINE SANITIZER	3 COMPARTMENT SINK	50.00 Fahrenheit	
CHICKEN	SERVICE REFRIGERATOR	39.00 Fahrenheit	
SALSA	SERVICE REFRIGERATOR	40.00 Fahrenheit	
MENU DO	REACH IN REFRIGERATOR	30.00 Fahrenheit	
CHICKEN	REACH IN FREEZER	-4.00 Fahrenheit	
CHEESE	SERVICE REFRIGERATOR	39.00 Fahrenheit	
HOT WATER	HAND WASH SINK	100.00 Fahrenheit	
HOT WATER	3 COMPARTMENT SINK	120.00 Fahrenheit	
CARNITAS	REACH IN FREEZER	-4.00 Fahrenheit	
BEANS	HOT HOLDING	156.00 Fahrenheit	
CUT TOMATO	SERVICE REFRIGERATOR	40.00 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 **2/6/2026**. 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.

OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0251885 - TAQUERIA EL CORAL	Site Address 426 W CAPITOL EX, SAN JOSE, CA 95136	Inspection Date 01/23/2026
Program PR0366162 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11	Owner Name TAQUERIA EL CORAL INC	Inspection Time 14:50 - 16:20

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

Milena L.

Received By: MILENA LOPEZ
PIC

Signed On: January 23, 2026