

**County of Santa Clara**  
**Department of Environmental Health**  
**Consumer Protection Division**

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**OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT**

<b>Facility</b> FA0291084 - TASTE A		<b>Site Address</b> 509 W CAPITOL EX, SAN JOSE, CA 95136		<b>Inspection Date</b> 02/17/2026	
<b>Program</b> PR0436334 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 2 - FP10			<b>Owner Name</b> BAY AREA TEA 3		<b>Inspection Time</b> 15:50 - 17:00
<b>Inspected By</b> MARCELA MASRI	<b>Inspection Type</b> ROUTINE INSPECTION	<b>Consent By</b> JAMES NGUYEN	<b>FSC ROBERT NGUYEN</b> 11-4-26		

<b>Placard Color &amp; Score</b> <b>GREEN</b> <b>75</b>
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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		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	X	
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		
K45 Floor, walls, ceilings: built, maintained, clean	X	
K46 No unapproved private home/living/sleeping quarters	X	X
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

K08 - 8 Points - Improperly using time as a public health control procedures & records; 114000

**Inspector Observations: MISSING THE TIME FOR THE TAPIOCA PEARLS WHEN USING TIME AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CONTROL. [CA] PROVIDE TIME. SEE VC&D**

### Minor Violations

K01 - 3 Points - Inadequate demonstration of knowledge; food manager certification

**Inspector Observations: MISSING THE FOOD HANDLER'S CARDS FOR TWO EMPLOYEES. [CA] PROVIDE CARDS.**

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

**Inspector Observations: MISSING PAPER TOWELS AT TWO OF THE 3 HAND WASH SINKS (FRONT AND KITCHEN). [CA] PROVIDE PAPER TOWELS.**

K21 - 3 Points - Hot and cold water not available; 113953(c), 114099.2(b), 114163(a), 114189, 114192, 114192.1, 11419

**Inspector Observations: FOUND THE HOT WATER AT 110F AT THE 3 COMPARTMENT SINK. [CA] PROVIDE HOT WATER AT 120F MINIMUM.**

K33 - 2 Points - Nonfood contact surfaces not clean; 114115(c)

**Inspector Observations: FOUND THE ICE MACHINE WITH MOLD LIKE SUBSTANCE ON THE INSIDE SIDE AREA. FOUND DUST ON THE FRONT OF THE REACH DOWN FREEZER IN THE FRONT SERVICE AREA. [CA] CLEAN THESE AREAS MORE OFTEN.**

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

**Inspector Observations: FOUND A WIPING CLOTH ON THE FOOD PREP COUNTER. [CA] STORE WIPING CLOTH IN A SANITIZER SOLUTION WHILE NOT IN USE.**

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

**Inspector Observations: THE FLOORS ARE STICKY THROUGHOUT THE FACILITY. [CA] CLEAN THE FLOORS MORE OFTEN.**

**FOUND A COUPLE OF EMPTY BOXES STORED ON THE FLOOR NEAR THE FRONT SERVICE AREA. [CA] REMOVE BOXES FROM THE FLOOR AND DISCARD THEM.**

K46 - 2 Points - Unapproved private home/living/sleeping quarters; 114285, 114286

### Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

### Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
OATMILK	UNDER COUNTER REFRIGERATOR	38.00 Fahrenheit	
SHRIMP	REACH IN FREEZER	-2.00 Fahrenheit	
CHICKEN	REACH IN REFRIGERATOR	28.00 Fahrenheit	
AVOCADO	REACH IN REFRIGERATOR	35.00 Fahrenheit	
HOT WATER	3 COMPARTMENT SINK	110.00 Fahrenheit	
SHRIMP	REACH IN REFRIGERATOR	28.00 Fahrenheit	
HOT WATER	HAND WASH SINK	100.00 Fahrenheit	
ALMOND MILK	UNDER COUNTER REFRIGERATOR	38.00 Fahrenheit	

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## 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 **3/3/2026**. 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



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Received By: JAMES NGUYEN  
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Signed On: February 17, 2026