

County of Santa Clara
Department of Environmental Health
Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0204866 - TASTY POT		Site Address 443 EMERSON ST, PALO ALTO, CA 94301		Inspection Date 05/08/2025	
Program PR0303332 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 6-25 EMPLOYEES RC 2 - FP13			Owner Name XLB RESTAURANT INC		Inspection Time 11:00 - 13:00
Inspected By ALELI CRUTCHFIELD	Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION	Consent By DAVIN	FSC Ted Wang 1/12/2028		

Placard Color & Score
GREEN
87

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						N
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						S
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	X	
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	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	X	
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		

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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

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

Inspector Observations: Lack of paper towels in dispenser at one of the hand sinks in the back kitchen. [CA] Keep stocked at all times. [COS]

K26 - 2 Points - Unapproved thawing methods used; frozen food; 114018, 114020, 114020.1

Inspector Observations: Observed containers of fish balls, imitation crab meat, packaged tofu, raw pork, thawing inside the warewashing sink. A container of tofu skin soaking in a container inside the was also found in the sink.

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: Observed raw crab stored above ready to eat food in prep unit across cook line. Observed racks of raw shaved beef stored above a container of sauce in walk in cooler. [CA] Store raw meat/seafood below ready to eat, cooked food.

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

Inspector Observations: Observed box of cabbage stored on floor while employee was prepping it. Containers of food stored directly on floor in walk in cooler and walk in freezer. [CA] Store food at least 6 inches off of floor on shelving or racks.

K36 - 2 Points - Equipment, utensils, linens: Improper storage and use; 114074, 114081, 114119, 114121, 114161, 114178, 114179, 114083, 114185, 114185.2, 114185.3, 114185.4, 114185.5

Inspector Observations: Observed handle of ice scoop touching ice in ice machine. [CA] Store ice scoop handle upwards so that it does not touch the ice.

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: Observed cigarettes stored on shelf next to sauces (Maggi). [CA] Store personal items in locker or in a designated area away from food/food equipment.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

Needs Improvement - Proper hot and cold holding temperatures.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
ambient	walk in	39.00 Fahrenheit	
shaved beef, shaved pork	prep unit across cook line	40.00 Fahrenheit	
quat ammonium	dispenser at ware washing sink	400.00 PPM	
prepped bowls	upright unit	41.00 Fahrenheit	
chlorine	dishwasher	50.00 PPM	
fishcake, mussells	3 door prep unit	38.00 Fahrenheit	between 38-39F
rice	rice cooker	135.00 Fahrenheit	
water	hand sinks- all	100.00 Fahrenheit	
water	3 comp sink	136.00 Fahrenheit	
shrimp, tofue	3 door prep	39.00 Fahrenheit	

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 **5/22/2025**. 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: davin
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Signed On: May 08, 2025