

County of Santa Clara
Department of Environmental Health
Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0206524 - EL DORADO TAQUERIA		Site Address 1594 MERIDIAN AV, SAN JOSE, CA 95125		Inspection Date 01/21/2026	
Program PR0300775 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name CHAPA;RODRIGUEZ;VILLA;B		Inspection Time 10:00 - 11:30
Inspected By HELEN DINH	Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION	Consent By LETICIA	FSC Marisela Bardales 2/3/27		

Placard Color & Score GREEN 86

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						
K06 Adequate handwash facilities supplied, accessible			X	X			
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	X	
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	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	X	
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: Found paper towel stored outside dispenser at hand wash station at cooks area. Found mounted paper towel dispenser out of battery. [CA] Single-use sanitary towels shall be provided in dispensers. [COS] Operator replaced battery, found paper towel dispenser in good repair.

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

Inspector Observations: Measured hot water holding at 115F at warewash sink. [CA] Provide an adequate, pressurized, potable supply of hot water at a minimum of 120F for all sinks with the exception of hand wash sink to be held between 100F -108F.

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: Found shell eggs stored above ready to eat food in 2 door upright at cooks link. [CA] All food shall be separated and protected from cross-contamination. Store all raw meat or other raw products of animal origin below ready-to-eat food items.

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: 1. Found scoop handles in direct contact with food items in bulk bin. 2. Found tong handles in direct contact with food item in 2 door upright. [CA] Store scoop/tongs handle in such a way that the handle does not come in direct contact with food to prevent contamination. 3. Found several cloth linen used to cover containers of vegetables in 2 door upright and 3 door upright. [CA] Discontinue the use of cloth towels in direct with food, used approved, single use materials.

K41 - 2 Points - Plumbing unapproved, not installed, not in good repair; improper backflow devices; 114171, 114189.1, 114190, 114192, 114193, 114193.1, 114199, 114201, 114269

Inspector Observations: Found leaking drain line under hand wash station at cooks area. [CA] Repair leak.

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 employee bag stored on/around food related items in storage room. [CA] No person shall store clothing or personal effects in any area used for the storage and preparation of food or food contact surfaces.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

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Measured Observations

<u>Item</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Measurement</u>	<u>Comments</u>
rice	3 door upright	44.00 Fahrenheit	process of cooling
tamales	chest freezer	7.40 Fahrenheit	
refried beans	hot inserts	187.00 Fahrenheit	
shredded cheese	2 door cold top	40.00 Fahrenheit	
beverage	2 door upright	39.00 Fahrenheit	
pulled pork	hot inserts	156.00 Fahrenheit	
meat	2 door upright freezer	11.10 Fahrenheit	
cooked pork	2 door upright	39.00 Fahrenheit	
corn	chest freezer	1.10 Fahrenheit	
sliced tomato	2 door cold top	40.00 Fahrenheit	
hot water	warewash	115.00 Fahrenheit	
warm water	handsink (prep & RR)	100.00 Fahrenheit	
raw beef	2 door upright	39.00 Fahrenheit	
tamales	2 door upright	37.00 Fahrenheit	
chlorine	sani bucket	100.00 PPM	
cooked pork	3 door upright	41.00 Fahrenheit	
rice	hot inserts	185.00 Fahrenheit	
sour cream	2 door cold top	41.00 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 **2/4/2026**. 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: Leticia Chapa
Person In Charge

Signed On: January 21, 2026