

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0257076 - EL BUEN SAZON		Site Address 995 SARATOGA AV, SAN JOSE, CA 95129		Inspection Date 10/29/2024	
Program PR0375610 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name LILIANA GARCIA		Inspection Time 11:50 - 13:30
Inspected By MARCELA MASRI	Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION	Consent By ALONDRA GAMINO	FSC SALVADOR DE LA LUZ 4/21/27		

Placard Color & Score
GREEN
82

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						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		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		
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	X	
K34 Warewash facilities: installed/maintained; test strips		
K35 Equipment, utensils: Approved, in good repair, adequate capacity	X	
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		
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

K14 - 8 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 BOTTOM OF THE CUP REFRIGERATOR WITH WATER AND DEBRIS. [CA] KEEP THIS AREA CLEAN AND DRY. WASH, RINSE AND SANITIZE THE CUPS.

Minor Violations

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 THE MEXICAN RICE IN A PLASTIC GROCERY BAG AT THE HOT HOLDING UNIT. [CA] DO NOT USE GROCERY BAGS TO HOLD FOOD. USE FOOD GRADE BAGS OR CONTAINER.

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

Inspector Observations: FOUND MOLD LIKE SUBSTANCE ON THE INSIDE WHITE PLASTIC FLAP OF THE ICE MACHINE. [CA] CLEAN THIS PART MORE OFTEN.

K35 - 2 Points - Equipment, utensils - Unapproved, unclean, not in good repair, inadequate capacity; 114130, 114130.1, 114130.2, 114130.3, 114130.4, 114130.5, 114132, 114133, 114137, 114139, 114153, 114155, 114163, 114165, 114167, 114169, 114175, 114177, 114180, 114182

Inspector Observations: FOUND CARDBOARD LINING THE DRY STORAGE SHELVES IN THE DRY STORAGE ROOM. [CA] REMOVE THE CARDBOARD.

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

Inspector Observations: FOUND A WIPING CLOTH ON THE FRONT FOOD PREPARATION COUNTER. [CA] STORE WIPING CLOTHS 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: FOUND THE PAINT ON THE CEILING BY THE ICE MACHINE CHIPPING OFF. [CA] REPAIR THE PAINT.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
SLICED TOMATO	SERVICE REFRIGERATOR	40.00 Fahrenheit	
BIRRIA	HOT HOLDING	184.00 Fahrenheit	
SOUR CREAM	SLIDE DOOR REFRIGERATOR	41.00 Fahrenheit	
MEXICAN RICE	HOT HOLDING	187.00 Fahrenheit	
HOT WATER	FOOD PREP SINK	120.00 Fahrenheit	
EGGS	SERVICE REFRIGERATOR	41.00 Fahrenheit	
HOT WATER	3 COMPARTMENT SINK	120.00 Fahrenheit	
HOT WATER	HAND WASH SINK	100.00 Fahrenheit	
CHORIZO	SERVICE REFRIGERATOR	40.00 Fahrenheit	
POTATOES	DRAWER REFRIGERATOR	39.00 Fahrenheit	
CHEESE	WALK IN COOLER	40.00 Fahrenheit	
PASTA	WALK IN COOLER	37.00 Fahrenheit	

Overall Comments:

OWNERSHIP CHANGE INFORMATION

NEW FACILITY NAME: EL BUEN SAZON

NEW OWNER: BA&H INC

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The applicant has completed the facility evaluation application process for an Environmental Health Permit.

The permit category for this facility is FP11. An invoice for the permit fee in the amount of \$1580.00 will be mailed to the billing address on the application. Payment must be submitted within 10 days of receipt of the invoice. The owner is responsible for contacting our department if an invoice is not received and remit payment within 30 days.

The Environmental Health Permit will be effective: 11/01/24 - 10/31/25 This report serves as a temporary permit. However, the permit will be deemed invalid if the permit fee is not paid in full within 30 days from the date of this report. Okay to Operate.

An official permit will be mailed to the address on file and shall be posted in public view upon receipt.

**Structural Review inspection conducted on 10/29/24*

**Permit condition: NONE*

**Obtain food safety manager certificate within 60 days. All other food employees must have valid food handler cards within 30 days from hire date.*

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 **11/12/2024**. 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: ALONDRA GAMINO
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Signed On: October 29, 2024