

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0258509 - ISLAND TASTE CARIBBEAN GRILL		Site Address 225 E SANTA CLARA ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95112		Inspection Date 02/05/2025		Placard Color & Score RED 69		
Program PR0378569 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name FLATBUSH GRILL LLC		Inspection Time 16:00 - 17:30			
Inspected By ALEXANDER ALFARO		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By MARC				FSC Dorianne ST Fleur 11/03/2027

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						S
K06	Adequate handwash facilities supplied, accessible	X						S
K07	Proper hot and cold holding temperatures		X		X			
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	X	
K34	Warewash facilities: installed/maintained; test strips	X	
K35	Equipment, utensils: Approved, in good repair, adequate capacity	X	
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		
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

K07 - 8 Points - Improper hot and cold holding temperatures; 11387.1, 113996, 113998, 114037, 114343(a)

Inspector Observations:

In the kitchen area, at the hot holding unit, several PHFs were found below 135F (chicken wings 112F, goat curry 117F, chicken legs 100F).

[CA] PHFs shall be held at 41°F or below or at 135°F or above.

[COS] Chicken wings and goat curry were cooked 3 hours prior to temperature measurement. PIC agreed to discard after 4 cumulative hours from removal of temperature control. The chicken legs were cooked 5 hours prior to measurement. PIC agreed to discard the chicken legs. See VC&D report.

K23 - 8 Points - Observed rodents, insects, birds, or animals; 114259.1, 114259.4, 114259.5

Inspector Observations:

1. In the kitchen area, behind the undercounter freezer, there was a dead rodent.

2. When the undercounter cooler was moved to remove the rodent numerous live cockroaches were observed.

[CA] The premises of each food facility shall be kept free of vermin. A food facility shall not operate when there is a vermin infestation that has resulted in the contamination of food contact surfaces, food packaging, utensils, food equipment, or adulteration of food(s). The food facility shall cease operation of the food facility immediately. The food facility shall remain closed until: there is no longer evidence of a vermin infestation; all contaminated surfaces have been cleaned and sanitized; and contributing factors such as cleaning, repairs, and the elimination of harborages have been resolved. Contact District Specialist at (408) 497-0913 to schedule reinspection. At time of the reinspection there shall be no evidence of a vermin infestation and shall be completely abated. No live or dead bodies of vermin. Provide a copy of the pest control service report onsite during the inspection.

Minor Violations

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

Inspector Observations:

At the hand sink across the walk in cooler the hot water would stop after about 10 seconds of being turned on.

Note: The other hand sink near the cook line in the kitchen was working fine.

[CA] Handwashing facilities shall be equipped to provide minimum 100°F water under pressure for a minimum of 15 seconds.

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:

In the walk in cooler, on the rack to the left, raw chicken was stored above cooked pasta.

[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.

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

Inspector Observations:

Cookline equipment have an accumulation of grease and food debris.

[CA] Nonfood-contact surfaces of equipment shall be kept free of an accumulation of dust, dirt, food residue, and other debris.

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K34 - 2 Points - Warewashing facilities: not installed or maintained; no test strips; 114067(f,g), 114099, 114099.3, 114099.5, 114101(a), 114101.1, 114101.2, 114103, 114107, 114125

Inspector Observations:

REPEAT VIOLATION: Facility lacks the testing materials for their choice of sanitizer, chlorine.

[CA] Testing equipment and materials shall be provided to adequately measure the applicable sanitization method used during manual or mechanical warewashing.

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:

1. Facility has a non ANSI chest freezer and mini fridge in the kitchen area.

[CA] New and/or replacement food equipment shall be certified or classified for sanitation by an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited certification program (e.g. NSF, UL EPH, UL Sanitation, CSA Sanitation, or ETL Sanitation).

2. The upright warming unit is not maintaining PHFs at 135F or above.

[CA] Ensure equipment is maintained in good repair and functioning as intended.

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. Facility is using a metal container as a scoop for their rice.

[CA] Use approved utensils such as scoops or spoons with handles to ensure hands do not come in direct contact with food.

2. Facility is storing excess equipment and pans in the dumpster enclosure.

[CA] Equipment shall be stored within an approved facility to prevent contamination.

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

Inspector Observations:

1. Above the walk in cooler, at the ceiling, there are several ceiling tiles missing exposing the kitchen space to the attic/crawl space above.

2. Several ceiling tiles throughout the facility are in disrepair.

3. The floor underneath the cook line equipment has an accumulation of grease and food debris.

[CA] Ensure to maintain the floors, walls, and ceilings of the facility clean and in good repair. Seal off any holes in the facility to prevent entrance and harborage of vermin.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

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Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
Water	Hand Sink	100.00 Fahrenheit	
Water	Three Compartment Sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
Chicken Curry	Steam Table	170.00 Fahrenheit	
Chicken Wings	Warmer	112.00 Fahrenheit	
Beef	Prep Table	40.00 Fahrenheit	Thawing
Rice	Rice Cooker	150.00 Fahrenheit	
Chicken Legs	Warmer	100.00 Fahrenheit	

Overall Comments:

Contact inspector at (408) 918 - 2726 to schedule follow up inspection. The first follow up inspection is free of charge. Any and all subsequent follow up inspections shall be charged at the approved hourly rate of \$298.00/hr, minimum of one hour, during normal business hours: Monday through Friday 7:30am to 4:30pm or \$645/hour minimum two hour during non business hours, and upon inspector availability.

CLOSURE / PERMIT SUSPENSION NOTICE

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 2/19/2025. 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.

This notice is to inform you that as of this date the Environmental Health Permit for the above mentioned food facility is hereby suspended and all operations therewith are ordered to cease. This action is taken in accordance with Section 114409 of the California Health and Safety Code which states 'If any imminent health hazard is found, unless the hazard is immediately corrected, an enforcement officer may temporarily suspend the permit and order the food facility or cottage food operation immediately closed.'

You have the right to make a written request for a hearing within 15 days after receipt of this notice to show just cause why the permit suspension is not warranted. Failure to request such a hearing within the 15-day period shall be deemed a waiver of the right to a hearing. After these violations have been corrected, you must call the Department of Environmental Health for a reinspection to reinstate the permit to operate. Phone #: (408)918-3400.

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: Marc St Fleur
Owner
Signed On: February 05, 2025