

County of Santa Clara
Department of Environmental Health
Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0207282 - CERRITO TAQUERIA 4		Site Address 1925 ALUM ROCK AV C, SAN JOSE, CA 95116		Inspection Date 02/04/2025	
Program PR0304801 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name EL CERRITO TAQUERIA 4, LL		Inspection Time 10:00 - 11:15
Inspected By YUEN IP	Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION	Consent By IRMA	FSC Irma Sanchez 06/27/2029		

Placard Color & Score GREEN 83

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						
K08 Time as a public health control; procedures & records						X	
K09 Proper cooling methods		X		X			N
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						N
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						S
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	X
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	X	
K33 Nonfood contact surfaces clean		
K34 Warewash facilities: installed/maintained; test strips	X	
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		
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		
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

K09 - 8 Points - Improper cooling methods; 114002, 114002.1

Inspector Observations: *A big pot of pork soup in walk-in fridge measured at 61F internal and 47F external. Per PIC, soup was cooked at 3pm yesterday. Was placed in fridge before end of shift last night. Did not take soup out this morning.*

[CA] *After heating or hot holding, Potentially Hazardous Foods (PHFs) shall be cooled rapidly from 135°F to 70°F within 2 hours and from 70°F to 41°F within 4 hours. Approved cooling methods include: 1) Placing the food in shallow pans 2) Separating the food into thinner or smaller portions. 3) Using rapid cooling equipment (Ex. blast chiller) 4) Using containers that facilitate heat transfer (ex. stainless steel) 5) Adding ice as an ingredient. 6) Using ice paddles 7) Using an ice bath and stirring frequently 8) Accordance with a HACCP plan. Cooling foods shall have enough space around the containers for cold air to circulate, be loosely covered, or uncovered and stirred as frequently needed to evenly cool.*

[COS] *PIC VC&D pot of soup*

Minor Violations

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

Inspector Observations: *Emptied paper towel dispenser at hand sink in kitchen. Napkins were located nearby.*

[CA] *Single-use sanitary towels shall be provided in dispensers; heated-air hand drying device may be substituted for single-use towels.*

[COS] *Employee refilled paper towel dispenser.*

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

Inspector Observations: *Employee used hot water to defrost meat in 1 compartment sink. Raw meat was not fully submerged in running water.*

[CA] *Frozen potentially hazardous food shall only be thawed in one of the following ways: 1) under refrigeration that maintains the food temperature at 41°F or below, 2) completely submerged under potable running water for a period not to exceed two hours at a water temperature of 70°F or below, and with sufficient water velocity to agitate and flush off loose particles into the sink drain, 3) in a microwave oven if immediately followed by immediate preparation, 4) as part of a cooking process.*

[COS] *Employee changed to cold water and put meat in a bowl and run under cold running water.*

K32 - 2 Points - Food improperly labeled & not honestly presented: 114087, 114089, 114089.1(a, b), 114090, 114093.1

Inspector Observations: *Missing label for bottles of honey.*

[CA] *Food prepackaged in a food facility shall bear a label with the following: 1) common name of the food, 2) list of ingredients in descending order of predominance by weight, 3) quantity of contents, 4) name and place of business of the manufacturer, packer, or distributor.*

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: *Test strip is expired and evidence of previous soaked in water.*

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

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

Needs Improvement - Proper cooling methods.

Needs Improvement - Food contact surfaces clean, sanitized.

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Measured Observations

<u>Item</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Measurement</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Water	hand wash sink	100.00 Fahrenheit	
Water	1 compartment sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
Goat soup	stove	172.00 Fahrenheit	
Pork soup	Walk-in fridge	60.00 Fahrenheit	
Shelled eggs	Counter fridge	40.00 Fahrenheit	
Water	3 compartment sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
Beans	Walk-in fridge	38.00 Fahrenheit	
Eggs	Walk-in fridge	38.00 Fahrenheit	
Cheese	open top fridge	41.00 Fahrenheit	
Beef soup	Stove	182.00 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 **2/18/2025**. 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: Miguel
Owner

Signed On: February 04, 2025