

County of Santa Clara
Department of Environmental Health
Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0240298 - EL CERRITO TAQUERIA #2		Site Address 1020 S WHITE RD D, SAN JOSE, CA 95127		Inspection Date 10/30/2024	
Program PR0340366 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name SANCHEZ, ROSALBA		Inspection Time 16:30 - 17:30
Inspected By MAMAYE KEBEDE	Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION	Consent By HORTENCIA BEJINES	FSC Melissa Sanchez 3/29/2027		

Placard Color & Score
GREEN
80

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		
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		
K37 Vending machines		
K38 Adequate ventilation/lighting; designated areas, use		
K39 Thermometers provided, accurate		X
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		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

No major violations were observed during this inspection.

Minor Violations

K01 - 3 Points - Inadequate demonstration of knowledge; food manager certification

Inspector Observations: Couple of the employees do not have food handler cards.

[CA] Employee engaged in food preparation, storage, and service and who do not have food safety certificate must take food handler cards within a month of hire.

California approved Food Handler Card (FHC) class providers

All Directory Listing

(<https://anabpd.ansi.org/Accreditation/credentialing/certificate-issuers/AllDirectoryListing?prgID=228,238&statusID=4nsi.org>)

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

Inspector Observations: There is no splash guard separating the handwash sink from the preparation sink back in the kitchen area.

[CA] To prevent possible contamination, please install at least six-inch splash guard in between the handwash sink and the preparation sink, and between the handwash sink and the clean utensils storage shelf.

There was no wall-mounted soap dispenser on the bar's three compartment warewash sink which also is being used for handwashing.

[CA] Provide wall-mounted soap dispenser immediately.

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: Some open bag food products were stored on the shelf of in the dry storage area.

[CA] Store all open bag food products in properly labeled bulk containers.

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

Inspector Observations: There is abundant dust accumulation on the restroom's exhaust fan.

[CA] Conduct a regular cleaning on the screens.

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: There is no approved sanitizer measuring strip to measure the concentration of the chemicals used to sanitize dishes and utensils in the facility.

[CA] Provide approved sanitizer measuring strips for the chemicals used in sanitizing utensils, equipment, and food contact surfaces.

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: The open top white freezer stored behind the counter is not NSF/ANSI approved or ETL/UL Sanitation listed one.

[CA] All equipment used in the facility must be NSF/ANSI approved or ETL/UL Sanitation listed one.

K39 - 2 Points - Thermometers missing or inaccurate; 114157, 114159

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Inspector Observations: *There was not a functional prob thermometer to measure the internal temperature of the cold and hot food products.*

[CA] *Provide an approved prob type thermometer and use it with a regular calibration and sanitization.*

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: *There is a clutter of used and old equipment in one of the storage rooms.*

[CA] *Please organize the room from being insect/rodent hiding and breeding room, and relocate the old/used equipment*

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

Inspector Observations: *Missing covered base floor tiles in the kitchen.*

[CA] *The juncture of the floor and wall shall be covered with a 3/8-inch minimum radius coving and shall extend up the wall at least 4 inches.*

Large hole and/or gap observed on wall by the grease trap and below the hand wash sink in the kitchen.

[CA] *Repair the wall with a durable, smooth, nonabsorbent, and easily cleanable surface.*

Walls and/or floors in food preparation area shall be kept clean.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

N/A

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
Beef	Upright fridge	34.00 Fahrenheit	
Beans	Steam table	165.00 Fahrenheit	
Cheese	Preparation fridge	34.00 Fahrenheit	
Hot water	Three compartment sink	125.00 Fahrenheit	
Rice	Steam table	157.00 Fahrenheit	
Chicken	Final cook	165.00 Fahrenheit	
Beef	Upright freezer	0.00 Fahrenheit	

Overall Comments:

Note: *Food safety manager certificate: Melissa Sanchez - 3/29/2027*

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 **11/13/2024**. 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: Hortencia Bejines
Person in Charge

Signed On: October 30, 2024