

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0250365 - LOS TACOS DE MI TIERRA		Site Address 1150 MC GINNESS AV B, SAN JOSE, CA 95127		Inspection Date 05/13/2026		Placard Color & Score GREEN 90		
Program PR0360710 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name LOS TACOS DE MI TIERRA IN		Inspection Time 16:15 - 17:15			
Inspected By MAMAYE KEBEDE		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By LEONEL REYNA				FSC Marisol Montavan 08/15/28

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		
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		
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

No major violations were observed during this inspection.

Minor Violations

K09 - 3 Points - Improper cooling methods; 114002, 114002.1

Inspector Observations: Cooling of freshly cooked beans was being carried out at room temperature.

[CA] All hot-held food products must be cooled from 135 OF to 70 OF within the first two hours and from 70 OF to 41 OF with another four hours by:

- (1) Placing the FOOD in shallow pans.**
- (2) Separating the FOOD into smaller or thinner portions.**
- (3) Using rapid cooling EQUIPMENT.**
- (4) Using containers that facilitate heat transfer.**
- (5) Adding ice as an ingredient.**
- (6) Using ice paddles.**
- (7) Inserting appropriately designed containers in an ice bath and stirring frequently.**

The manager demonstrated the proper cooling procedure using an ice bath and smaller portions.

K14 - 3 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: Some recently sanitized utensils were stacked together on the utensil storage shelf.

[CA] Air dry all clean utensils before staking them together.

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: Raw food products like shell eggs were stored above ready to eat food products inside the walk-in cooler.

[CA] To prevent possible contamination, ready-to-eat food products and produce must be stored above or by the said of raw food products.

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: The ice scoop for the ice machine was stored on an unclean surface.

[CA] All reusable utensils including the ice scoop must be stored on clean surface/container in between use.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

N/A

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
Beans	Walk-in cooler	40.00 Fahrenheit	
Shell eggs	Walk-in cooler	39.00 Fahrenheit	
Refried beans	Steam tabel	165.00 Fahrenheit	
Beef	Steam table	160.00 Fahrenheit	
Rice	Steam table	155.00 Fahrenheit	
Hot water	Three compartment sink	125.00 Fahrenheit	
Guacamole	Preparaiton fridge	39.00 Fahrenheit	
Cheese	Preparation fridge	40.00 Fahrenheit	

Overall Comments:

Note: 1. Food safety manager certificate: Marisol Montavan - 08/15/28

2. The owner has submitted plan and specification to install handwash stations in the front area and to modify the bar area.

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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 **5/27/2026**. 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: Marisol Montavan
Manager
Signed On: May 13, 2026