

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0202743 - EL TORITO CANTINA AUTENTICA		Site Address 477 E CALAVERAS BL, MILPITAS, CA 95035		Inspection Date 10/08/2025		Placard Color & Score GREEN 96		
Program PR0303459 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 26+ EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP17			Owner Name FM RESTAURANTS EL TORITO		Inspection Time 14:15 - 15:40			
Inspected By NHA HUYNH		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By "D"				FSC Omar Serna 09/20/2029

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						S
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		
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		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		
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

No major violations were observed during this inspection.

Minor Violations

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:

Ice build up on the evaporator in the walk-in cooler. Ice build up is blocking air flow.

[Corrective Action] Maintain equipment in good condition.

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

Inspector Observations:

1. Flooring epoxy throughout the kitchen and bar observed damaged. Observed cracks in flooring at back room by mop sink.

[Corrective Action] Maintain floors in good condition.

2. Observed bare cement flooring in the dining area.

[Corrective Action] Ensure flooring is durable, smooth non-absorbant and easily cleanable.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
milk, pork, diced tomatoes	walk-in cooler - large	37.00 Fahrenheit	
quaternary ammonium sanitizer	sanitizing bucket	200.00 PPM	
menu	walk-in cooler - small	37.00 Fahrenheit	
sour cream	open top cooler	41.00 Fahrenheit	
milk	2 door upright cooler	38.00 Fahrenheit	
hot water	handwash sink	100.00 Fahrenheit	
hot water	3 compartment sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
barbacoa, re-fried beans	steam table #1	160.00 Fahrenheit	
chlorine sanitizer	dishwasher - bar	50.00 PPM	
cheese, sliced tomatoes	double sided hood cooler	41.00 Fahrenheit	
pork	steam table #2	160.00 Fahrenheit	
chlorine sanitizer	pass thru dishwasher	50.00 PPM	
sauce, rice	2 door upright hot holding unit	150.00 Fahrenheit	

Overall Comments:

Six drawer cooler currently not used. If replacing equipment, ensure it is replaced with like-for-like. If replacing with a different equipment, ensure an application is submitted to the Plan Check Program at this department for approval prior to use.

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 **10/22/2025**. 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.

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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: Damaris Zapata
Manager

Signed On: October 08, 2025