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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
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FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTION FORM

FACILITY NAME Taqueria El Sinaloense				DATE 5/25/2022		TIME IN 12:45 PM		TIME OUT 3:15 PM	
ADDRESS 73850 Hwy 111 Ste.G, Palm Desert, CA 92260				FACILITY DESCRIPTION Not Applicable					
PERMIT HOLDER Gloria Alvarez				EMAIL taqueriasinaloense@gmail.com				Major Violations 0	
PERMIT # PR0062931	EXPIRATION DATE 10/31/2023	SERVICE Routine inspection	REINSPECTION DATE 9/25/2022	FACILITY PHONE # (760)340-5557	PE 3620	DISTRICT 0031	INSPECTOR NAME Winston Ganly		Points Deducted 15

The conditions listed below correspond to violations of the California Health and Safety Code and/or Riverside County Ordinances and must be corrected as indicated by the enforcement officer. The Department of Environmental Health appreciates your cooperation.

Failure to correct listed violation(s) prior to the designated compliance date may necessitate an additional reinspection at a charge determined by Riverside County Ordinance 640.

Major / Minor Violations: Major Violations are those that pose an imminent risk to public health and warrant immediate closure of the food facility or immediate correction. Minor Violations are those violations that do not pose an imminent public health risk, but do warrant correction.

GRADE REPRESENTS THE FOLLOWING RANGES: A = 100-90 Passed inspection / meets minimum health standards. B = 89-80 Did not pass inspection / does not meet minimum health standards. C = 79-0 Failed inspection / conditions exist which may pose a potential or actual threat to public health and safety. The facility is required to display a grade card in a conspicuous place selected by the Enforcement Officer. The grade card shall not be concealed and can only be removed or relocated by the Enforcement Officer per County Ordinance 492 / County Code Section 8.40.020

B
SCORE 85

☒ In = In compliance ☒ COS = Corrected on-site ☐ N/O = Not observed ☐ N/A = Not applicable ☐ OUT = Out of compliance

DEMONSTRATION OF KNOWLEDGE		COS	MAJ	OUT
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	N/A 1. Food safety certification			2
EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND HYGIENIC PRACTICES				
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	2. Communicable disease; reporting, restrictions and exclusions		4	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	N/O 3. No persistent discharge from eyes, nose, and mouth			2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	N/O 4. Proper eating, tasting, drinking or tobacco use			2
PREVENTING CONTAMINATION BY HANDS				
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	<input type="radio"/> N/O 5. Hands clean and properly washed; gloves used properly		4	2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	6. Adequate handwashing facilities supplied and accessible			2
TIME AND TEMPERATURE RELATIONSHIPS				
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	N/O N/A 7. Proper hot and cold holding temperatures		4	2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	<input type="radio"/> N/O N/A 8. Time as a public health control; procedures and records		4	2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	<input type="radio"/> N/O N/A 9. Proper cooling methods		4	2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	<input type="radio"/> N/O N/A 10. Proper cooking time and temperature		4	2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	<input type="radio"/> N/O N/A 11. Proper reheating procedures for hot holding		4	
PROTECTION FROM CONTAMINATION				
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	<input type="radio"/> N/O N/A 12. Returned and re-service of food			2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	13. Food: unadulterated, no spoilage, no contamination		4	2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	<input type="radio"/> N/O N/A 14. Food contact surfaces: clean and sanitized		4	2
Facility is using Chlorine at warewash sink. /				

FOOD FROM APPROVED SOURCES		COS	MAJ	OUT
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	15. Food obtained from approved sources		4	2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	N/O <input type="radio"/> N/A 16. Compliance with shell stock tags, condition, display			2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	N/O <input type="radio"/> N/A 17. Compliance with Gulf Oyster regulations			2
CONFORMANCE WITH APPROVED PROCEDURES				
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	<input type="radio"/> N/A 18. Compliance with variance, specialized process, and HACCP plan			2
CONSUMER ADVISORY				
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	<input type="radio"/> N/A 19. Written disclosure and reminder statements provided for raw or undercooked foods			1
SCHOOL AND HEALTHCARE PROHIBITED FOODS				
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	<input type="radio"/> N/A 20. Licensed health care facilities / public and private schools; prohibited foods not offered		4	2
WATER / HOT WATER				
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	21. Hot and cold water available		4	2
Water Temperature °F				
LIQUID WASTE DISPOSAL				
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	22. Sewage and wastewater properly disposed		4	2
VERMIN				
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	23. No rodents, insects, birds, or animals		4	2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	N/A 24. Vermin proofing, air curtains, self-closing doors			1

SUPERVISION / PERSONAL CLEANLINESS	OUT
25. Person in charge present and performs duties, demonstration of knowledge	2
26. Personal cleanliness and hair restraints	1
GENERAL FOOD SAFETY REQUIREMENTS	
27. Approved thawing methods, frozen food storage	1
28. Food separated and protected from contamination	2
29. Washing fruits and vegetables	1
30. Toxic substances properly identified, stored, used	1
FOOD STORAGE / DISPLAY / SERVICE	
31. Adequate food storage; food storage containers identified	1
32. Consumer self-service	1
33. Food properly labeled; honestly presented; menu labeling	1

EQUIPMENT / UTENSILS / LINENS	OUT
34. Utensils and equipment approved, good repair	1
35. Warewashing: installed, maintained, proper use, test materials	1
36. Equipment / utensils: installed, clean, adequate capacity	1
37. Equipment, utensils, and linens: storage and use	1
38. Adequate ventilation and lighting; designated areas, use	1
39. Thermometers provided and accurate	1
40. Wiping cloths: properly used and stored	1
PHYSICAL FACILITIES	
41. Plumbing: properly installed, good repair	1
42. Refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained	1
43. Toilet facilities: properly constructed, supplied, cleaned	1
44. Premises; personal item storage and cleaning item storage	1

PERMANENT FOOD FACILITIES	OUT
45. Floors, walls, ceilings: good repair / fully enclosed	1
46. Floors, walls, and ceilings: clean	1
47. No unapproved private homes / living or sleeping quarters	1
SIGNS / REQUIREMENTS	
48. Last inspection report available	
49. Food Handler certifications available, current, and complete	1
50. Grade card and signs posted, visible	
COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT	
51. Plans approved / submitted	
52. Permit available / current	
53. Permit suspended / revoked	
54. Voluntary condemnation	
55. Impound	



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1. FOOD SAFETY CERTIFICATION

POINTS

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Inspector Comments: Gloria Alvarez- SS Exp 4-29-24

Violation Description: Food facilities that prepare, handle or serve non-prepackaged potentially hazardous food, shall have an employee who has passed an approved food safety certification examination. Food safety certificate must be maintained at the food facility and made available for inspection. (113947.1 - 113947.5)

6. ADEQUATE HANDWASHING FACILITIES SUPPLIED & ACCESSIBLE

POINTS

2

Inspector Comments: Discontinue blocking handwash sink. Handwash sink must be available at all times. Observed several trash bins in front of handwash sink in main prep area. Trash cans were moved at time of inspection.

Violation Description: Adequate facilities exclusively for handwashing shall be provided in food preparation areas and within toilet rooms. Handwashing soap, and towels or drying device, shall be provided in dispensers. Handwashing facilities shall be clean, unobstructed, and accessible at all times for employee use. (113953, 113953.1, 113953.2, 114067(f), 114143 (e))

7. PROPER HOT & COLD HOLDING TEMPERATURES

POINTS

2

Inspector Comments: Maintain temperatures for potentially hazardous foods. Observed sour cream and salsas at 55-60F in flip top unit upper portion of unit. Observed other foods including bacon, cut vegetables (cucumber) at 64F at lower portion of unit. Foods should be kept at 41F or below or hot held at 135F or above. Dairy products need to be kept at 45F or below. Relocate foods to alternate location. Discard any food out of temperature for more than 4 hours and relocate any other foods to alternate location and otherwise ensure all food is kept at required temperatures.

Reinspection for unit to be at correct operational temperature and to maintain foods at 41F or below by 6/8/22. Manager stated they will replace unit. The unit is currently impounded and should not be used to store food. If more time is needed to order and install unit let our department know, subsequent inspections may occur before or after due date to ensure facility is maintaining temperature while waiting for unit. Failure to comply with corrections to these violations may result in citations (\$100)/ office hearings/ reinspection fee (\$191), impound of unit, discard of product or other disciplinary action as needed for future inspection/s as mentioned before in previous reports.

Violation Description: Potentially hazardous food shall be held at or below 41°F / 45°F or at or above 135°F. Potentially hazardous food removed from proper holding temperature during preparation must be returned to proper temperature within 2 hours. Potentially hazardous food shall be received at proper temperature without evidence of temperature abuse. (113996, 113998, 114037)

13. FOOD: UNADULTERATED, NO SPOILAGE, NO CONTAMINATION

POINTS

2

Inspector Comments: Ensure food is unadulterated and or not spoiled. Observed peppers in a cardboard box with spoiled and / or with minor mold on them in walk in unit.

Violation Description: All food shall be manufactured, produced, prepared, compounded, packed, stored, transported, kept for sale, and served to be pure and free from adulteration, spoilage, and contamination. Food shall be fully fit for human consumption. (113967, 113976, 113980, 113982, 113988, 113990, 114035, 114254.3)

21. HOT AND COLD WATER AVAILABLE

POINTS

2

Inspector Comments: Ensure a hot water supply of at least 120F. Hot water heater was turned up ATOI and is now 120F. Monitor hot water to ensure 120F Max temperature was observed at 116F. This has occurred on previous reports.

Violation Description: An adequate, protected, pressurized, potable supply of hot water and cold water shall be provided at all times. Hot water of at least 120°F must be provided for facilities with unpackaged food or packaged potentially hazardous food. Handwashing facilities shall be equipped to provide warm water for at least 15 seconds. (113953(c), 114189, 114192 (a,d), 114192.1, 114195)

27. APPROVED THAWING METHODS USED, FROZEN FOOD STORAGE

POINTS

1

Inspector Comments: 27). Observed frozen meat thawing (large hermetically sealed bags over 20 lbs) in plastic containers at rear room on shelf. Thaw in approved manner such as thawing in a refrigerator, as part of cooking process, in a refrigerator or under running water. Meat was relocated to walk in unit.

Violation Description: Food shall be thawed in an approved manner: under refrigeration, completely submerged under cool running water of sufficient velocity to flush loose particles, in microwave oven, during the cooking process. (114018, 114020)



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28. FOOD SEPARATED AND PROTECTED FROM CONTAMINATION

POINTS

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Inspector Comments: Discontinue double stacking cut and uncut produce/fruits at open flip top table top unit. Keep cut and uncut fruits/vegetables separate to prevent cross contamination. Also observed a bowl of unknown food on top of vegetables. Also cover the pickles stored at rear room with no lid on container.

Violation Description: All food shall be separated and protected from contamination. (113984, 113986, 114060, 114067(a, d, e), 114069(a, d), 114073, 114077, 114089.1(c), 114143(c))

34. UTENSILS AND EQUIPMENT APPROVED, GOOD REPAIR

POINTS

1

Inspector Comments: NOTE: Ensure all equipment is in good condition and is of an approved material -repair/replace missing handle on steam table.
Replace or repair broken freezer at rear room.

Violation Description: All utensils and equipment shall be approved and in good repair. (114130, 114130.1-114130.6, 114132, 114133, 114137, 114175, 114177, 114257)

36. EQUIPMENT / UTENSILS PROPERLY INSTALLED, CLEAN;ADEQUATE CAPACITY

POINTS

1

Inspector Comments: Ensure all equipment is kept clean. Observed utensils cleaned and ready for use under a prep table at rear prep area with debris on equipment and utensils.

Violation Description: All utensils and equipment shall be clean and installed in an approved manner. Equipment type and quantity shall be adequate for the operation.(114115, 114130.3, 114139, 114153, 114163, 114165, 114167, 114169, 114175, 114180, 114182, 114257)

37. EQUIPMENT, UTENSILS, LINENS: STORAGE AND USE

POINTS

1

Inspector Comments: Secure CO2 tanks to prevent tip over hazard. Observed one or more tanks unsecured

Violation Description: Utensils and equipment shall be handled and stored in an approved manner, protected from contamination. All clean and soiled linen shall be properly stored. (114067(h), 114074, 114081, 114083, 114119, 114121, 114143(a-b), 114161, 114172, 114178, 114179, 114185, 114185.2, 114185.3, 114185.4, 114185.5)

41. PLUMBING: PROPERLY INSTALLED, GOOD REPAIR

POINTS

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Inspector Comments: NOTE: repair leak under warewash sink that was just repaired.

Violation Description: All plumbing shall be installed in compliance with local plumbing ordinances, shall be maintained so as to prevent any contamination, and shall be kept clean, fully operative, and in good repair. All food-related equipment drain lines must discharge through an approved indirect connection. Any hose used for conveying potable water shall be made from approved material and used for no other purpose. (114171, 114189.1, 114190, 114192(b,c), 114193, 114193.1, 114199, 114201, 114269)

45. FLOORS, WALLS, CEILING: GOOD REPAIR / FULLY ENCLOSED

POINTS

1

Inspector Comments: Maintain floors, walls, ceiling must be enclosed and in good condition. Observed ceiling with a hole, seal hole in wall.

Violation Description: The floors, walls, ceilings finishes must be of an approved material, durable, smooth, nonabsorbent, and easily cleanable. Food facilities shall be fully enclosed. (114143 (d), 114257, 114266, 114268, 114271, 114272)

Overall Inspection Comments

At this time this facility has failed to meet standards for an A. (89) is "B" Facility now has a "B" grade posted. Future downgrades may result in office hearings, citations, reinspection fees, suspension hearings and/or other disciplinary action/s. A reinspection will be on for corrections or sooner if called and all items above have been corrected. NOTE: The facility has replaced fryer unit and also the warewash sink recently. The three comp sink was replace in the last day or two and still leaks, it will be repaired soon per manager. Reinspection for items to be repaired on 6/8/22. If more time is needed for ordering refrigeration unit let our department know and keep foods in temperature until then.



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Did you know that effective January 1, 2018, the California Health and Safety Code was amended to make it easier for food facilities to donate food? Please consider donating your excess food product to a local food bank, pantry, or soup kitchen. As a good faith food donor, you are protected from civil and criminal liability if the food product later causes harm to its recipient, unless the injury is a direct result of gross negligence or intentional misconduct in the preparation or handling of the donated food. See Section 171425 of the Civil Code and Sections 114432 to 114434 inclusive of the Health and Safety Code. For more information visit our website at www.rivcoeh.org.

Signature

Cynthia Morales
Person in Charge

05/25/2022

Winston Ganly
Environmental Health Specialist

05/25/2022

REASONS FOR IMMEDIATE CLOSURE OF A FOOD FACILITY

Per California Health and Safety Code Section 114409 (a):

"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 immediately closed."

A food facility may be closed for any of the following reasons:

- Overflowing sewage (inside or outside the facility)
- No potable water
- No hot water
- No electricity
- Rodent or insect infestation
- Any other conditions at the facility that may create an imminent public health risk

In addition to the reasons above, Per California Health and Safety Code Section 114411:

"The enforcement agency may, after providing opportunity for a hearing, modify, suspend, or revoke a permit for serious or repeated violations of any requirement of this part or for interference in the performance of the duty of the enforcement officer."

No foil or cardboard
on shelves!



PROPER FOOD STORAGE IN REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS

Ready-to-Eat
Food

Cooked
Food

Raw Meat,
Raw Eggs

Store cooked and ready-to-eat food above raw food to avoid cross-contamination.
Keep all food covered to prevent contamination

MANUAL SANITIZING OF EQUIPMENT AND UTENSILS USING A THREE COMPARTMENT SINK

1. **SCRAPE**, clean, or soak items as necessary before washing.
2. **WASH** items in detergent and hot water of at least 100°F in the first sink.
3. **RINSE** items in clear water in the second sink.
4. **SANITIZE** by submerging each item in a sanitizing solution in the third sink. Use one of the following sanitizing methods:
 - 100ppm of a chlorine based sanitizer for a minimum of 30 seconds in the solution
 - 200ppm of a quaternary ammonium based sanitizer for a minimum of 60 seconds in the solution
 - 25ppm of an iodine based sanitizer for a minimum of 60 seconds in the solution
 - Water at a temperature of 171°F for a minimum of 30 seconds in solution
5. **AIR DRY** all items on the drain board.



PROPER COOLING OF FOOD IN YOUR FACILITY

Potentially hazardous foods should always be rapidly cooled.

TIME IS THE KEY FACTOR IN PROPER COOLING

- Foods must cool from 135°F to 70°F in 2 hours or less
- Foods must cool from 70°F to 41°F in 4 hours or less

Use one of the following methods to cool food properly:

- Break large foods down into smaller portions and place in shallow pans no more than 4 inches deep. Metal pans cool better than glass or plastic pans.
- Add ice as an ingredient to replace water used in the recipe.
- Place foods within an ice bath and frequently stir the foods to speed the cooling process.
- Loosely cover foods so that heat and steam can escape during cooling.
- Arrange containers within a refrigeration unit so that air can flow properly around containers.
- Use special equipment like chill paddles or blast chillers to rapidly bring down food temperature.

Use an accurate thermometer to verify the food is being cooled within proper timeframes.

PROPER FOOD THAWING METHODS



1. Under refrigeration
2. In a microwave oven on "defrost"
3. Submerged under cold running water in an approved preparation sink for no longer than 2 hours
4. As part of the cooking process



INTERNAL COOKING TEMPERATURES

Use a probe thermometer to take internal cooking temperatures

135°F for 15 seconds	145°F for 15 seconds	145°F for 15 seconds	145°F for 15 seconds	155°F for 15 seconds	155°F for 15 seconds	165°F for 15 seconds	165°F for 15 seconds

Food temperature cannot be felt - use your probe thermometer!



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