

Food Establishment Inspection Report

Score: 97.5

Establishment Name: COCINA MEXICANA LA PENA DE HOREB

Establishment ID: 4092017507

Location Address: 2125 TEN TEN RD

City: APEX State: North Carolina

Zip: 27539 County: 92 Wake

Permittee: MIRIAN MARTINEZ

Telephone: _____

Inspection Re-Inspection Educational Visit

Wastewater System:

Municipal/Community On-Site System

Water Supply:

Municipal/Community On-Site Supply

Date: 11/14/2025 Status Code: A

Time In: 10:25 AM Time Out: 12:30 PM

Category#: III

FDA Establishment Type: Fast Food Restaurant

No. of Risk Factor/Intervention Violations: 1

No. of Repeat Risk Factor/Intervention Violations: 0

Foodborne Illness Risk Factors and Public Health Interventions

Risk factors: Contributing factors that increase the chance of developing foodborne illness.

Public Health Interventions: Control measures to prevent foodborne illness or injury

| Compliance Status | | OUT | CDI | R | VR |
|--|--|-----|-----|---|----|
| Supervision .2652 | | | | | |
| 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A | | | | |
| PIC Present, demonstrates knowledge, & performs duties | | 1 | 0 | | |
| 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A | | | | |
| Certified Food Protection Manager | | 1 | 0 | | |
| Employee Health .2652 | | | | | |
| 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Management, food & conditional employee; knowledge, responsibilities & reporting | | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| 4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Proper use of reporting, restriction & exclusion | | 3 | 1.5 | 0 | |
| 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Procedures for responding to vomiting & diarrheal events | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| Good Hygienic Practices .2652, .2653 | | | | | |
| 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Proper eating, tasting, drinking or tobacco use | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| 7 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| No discharge from eyes, nose, and mouth | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| Preventing Contamination by Hands .2652, .2653, .2655, .2656 | | | | | |
| 8 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Hands clean & properly washed | | 4 | 2 | 0 | |
| 9 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A/N/O | | | | |
| No bare hand contact with RTE foods or pre-approved alternate procedure properly followed | | 4 | 2 | 0 | |
| 10 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A | | | | |
| Handwashing sinks supplied & accessible | | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| Approved Source .2653, .2655 | | | | | |
| 11 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Food obtained from approved source | | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| 12 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT | | | | |
| Food received at proper temperature | | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| 13 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Food in good condition, safe & unadulterated | | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| 14 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT/N/A/N/O | | | | |
| Required records available: shellstock tags, parasite destruction | | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| Protection from Contamination .2653, .2654 | | | | | |
| 15 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A/N/O | | | | |
| Food separated & protected | | 3 | 1.5 | 0 | |
| 16 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT | | | | |
| Food-contact surfaces: cleaned & sanitized | | 3 | 1.5 | 0 | |
| 17 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Proper disposition of returned, previously served, reconditioned & unsafe food | | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| Potentially Hazardous Food Time/Temperature .2653 | | | | | |
| 18 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A/N/O | | | | |
| Proper cooking time & temperatures | | 3 | 1.5 | 0 | |
| 19 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT/N/A/N/O | | | | |
| Proper reheating procedures for hot holding | | 3 | 1.5 | 0 | |
| 20 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT/N/A/N/O | | | | |
| Proper cooling time & temperatures | | 3 | 1.5 | 0 | |
| 21 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A/N/O | | | | |
| Proper hot holding temperatures | | 3 | 1.5 | 0 | |
| 22 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A/N/O | | | | |
| Proper cold holding temperatures | | 3 | 1.5 | 0 | |
| 23 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A/N/O | | | | |
| Proper date marking & disposition | | 3 | 1.5 | 0 | |
| 24 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT/N/A/N/O | | | | |
| Time as a Public Health Control; procedures & records | | 3 | 1.5 | 0 | |
| Consumer Advisory .2653 | | | | | |
| 25 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT/N/A | | | | |
| Consumer advisory provided for raw/undercooked foods | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| Highly Susceptible Populations .2653 | | | | | |
| 26 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT/N/A | | | | |
| Pasteurized foods used; prohibited foods not offered | | 3 | 1.5 | 0 | |
| Chemical .2653, .2657 | | | | | |
| 27 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT/N/A | | | | |
| Food additives: approved & properly used | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| 28 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A | | | | |
| Toxic substances properly identified stored & used | | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| Conformance with Approved Procedures .2653, .2654, .2658 | | | | | |
| 29 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT/N/A | | | | |
| Compliance with variance, specialized process, reduced oxygen packaging criteria or HACCP plan | | 2 | 1 | 0 | |

Good Retail Practices

Good Retail Practices: Preventative measures to control the addition of pathogens, chemicals, and physical objects into foods.

| Compliance Status | | OUT | CDI | R | VR |
|--|---|-----|-----|---|------------|
| Safe Food and Water .2653, .2655, .2658 | | | | | |
| 30 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT/N/A | | | | |
| Pasteurized eggs used where required | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| 31 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Water and ice from approved source | | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| 32 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT/N/A | | | | |
| Variance obtained for specialized processing methods | | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| Food Temperature Control .2653, .2654 | | | | | |
| 33 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Proper cooling methods used; adequate equipment for temperature control | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| 34 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A/N/O | | | | |
| Plant food properly cooked for hot holding | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| 35 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A/N/O | | | | |
| Approved thawing methods used | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| 36 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Thermometers provided & accurate | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| Food Identification .2653 | | | | | |
| 37 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Food properly labeled: original container | | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| Prevention of Food Contamination .2652, .2653, .2654, .2656, .2657 | | | | | |
| 38 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Insects & rodents not present; no unauthorized animals | | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| 39 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Contamination prevented during food preparation, storage & display | | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| 40 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Personal cleanliness | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| 41 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Wiping cloths: properly used & stored | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| 42 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A | | | | |
| Washing fruits & vegetables | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| Proper Use of Utensils .2653, .2654 | | | | | |
| 43 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| In-use utensils: properly stored | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| 44 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Utensils, equipment & linens: properly stored, dried & handled | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| 45 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Single-use & single-service articles: properly stored & used | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| 46 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Gloves used properly | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| Utensils and Equipment .2653, .2654, .2663 | | | | | |
| 47 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Equipment, food & non-food contact surfaces approved, cleanable, properly designed, constructed & used | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| 48 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Warewashing facilities: installed, maintained & used; test strips | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| 49 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Non-food contact surfaces clean | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| Physical Facilities .2654, .2655, .2656 | | | | | |
| 50 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A | | | | |
| Hot & cold water available; adequate pressure | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| 51 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Plumbing installed; proper backflow devices | | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| 52 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Sewage & wastewater properly disposed | | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| 53 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A | | | | |
| Toilet facilities: properly constructed, supplied & cleaned | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| 54 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Garbage & refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| 55 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT | | | | |
| Physical facilities installed, maintained & clean | | X | 0.5 | 0 | |
| 56 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT | | | | |
| Meets ventilation & lighting requirements; designated areas used | | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | |
| TOTAL DEDUCTIONS: | | | | | 2.5 |



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Comment Addendum Attached?

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Water Supply: Municipal/Community On-Site System

Permittee: MIRIAN MARTINEZ

Email 1:

Email 2:

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Telephone: _____

Temperature Observations

| Item/Location | Temp | Item/Location | Temp | Item/Location | Temp |
|-----------------------|------|---------------|------|---------------|------|
| skirt steak/buffet | 164 | | | | |
| tripe/buffet | 170 | | | | |
| scrambled eggs/buffet | 162 | | | | |
| rice/buffet | 161 | | | | |
| black beans/buffet | 165 | | | | |
| pork/buffet | 173 | | | | |
| salsa/self service | 37 | | | | |
| sliced tomaotes/prep | 39 | | | | |
| shredded lettuce/prep | 39 | | | | |
| shredded cheese/prep | 41 | | | | |
| beef/RIC | 38 | | | | |
| steak/RIC | 37 | | | | |
| sliced tomatoes/RIC | 40 | | | | |
| ambient air/RIC | 34 | | | | |

Person in Charge (Print & Sign): *First* Rosa

Last Martinez

Rosa Martinez

Regulatory Authority (Print & Sign): *First* Carla

Last Pressley

Carla Pressley

REHS ID: 2800 - Pressley, Carla

Verification Dates: Priority:

Priority Foundation:

Core:

REHS Contact Phone Number: (984) 239-0850

Authorize final report to be received via Email:

Rosa Martinez



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Observations and Corrective Actions

Violations cited in this report must be corrected within the time frames below, or as stated in sections 8-405.11 of the food code.

16 4-602.12 Cooking and Baking Equipment (C)

The inside of the microwave was soiled with food splatter and build up. The cavities and door seals of microwave ovens shall be cleaned at least every 24 hours by using the manufacturer's recommended cleaning procedure. The PIC was advised.

55 6-501.11 Repairing - Premises, Structures, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods (C)

Two of three light bulbs are burnt out over the grill. The floor finish is worn and prevents adequate cleaning. Physical facilities shall be maintained in good repair. Replace blown bulbs and repair floor finish. ***REPEAT VIOLATION***