

Food Establishment Inspection Report

Score: 98.5

Establishment Name: TROPICAL SMOOTHIE CAFE

Establishment ID: 4092018396

Location Address: 1264 W WILLIAMS ST

City: APEX State: North Carolina

Zip: 27502 County: 92 Wake

Permittee: NEXT FRONTIER INC

Telephone: (919) 355-2522

Inspection Re-Inspection Educational Visit

Wastewater System:

Municipal/Community On-Site System

Water Supply:

Municipal/Community On-Site Supply

Date: 10/02/2025 Status Code: A

Time In: 11:15 AM Time Out: 12:45 PM

Category#: II

FDA Establishment Type: Fast Food Restaurant

No. of Risk Factor/Intervention Violations: 0

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 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A				
PIC Present, demonstrates knowledge, & performs duties		1	0		
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A				
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 type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> N/O				
Required records available: shellstock tags, parasite destruction		2	1	0	
Protection from Contamination .2653, .2654					
15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> N/O				
Food separated & protected		3	1.5	0	
16	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> N/O				
Proper cooking time & temperatures		3	1.5	0	
19	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> N/O				
Proper reheating procedures for hot holding		3	1.5	0	
20	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> N/O				
Proper cooling time & temperatures		3	1.5	0	
21	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> N/O				
Proper hot holding temperatures		3	1.5	0	
22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> N/O				
Proper cold holding temperatures		3	1.5	0	
23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> N/O				
Proper date marking & disposition		3	1.5	0	
24	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> N/O				
Time as a Public Health Control; procedures & records		3	1.5	0	
Consumer Advisory .2653					
25	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A				
Consumer advisory provided for raw/undercooked foods		1	0.5	0	
Highly Susceptible Populations .2653					
26	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A				
Pasteurized foods used; prohibited foods not offered		3	1.5	0	
Chemical .2653, .2657					
27	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A				
Food additives: approved & properly used		1	0.5	0	
28	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A				
Toxic substances properly identified stored & used		2	1	0	
Conformance with Approved Procedures .2653, .2654, .2658					
29	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> N/O				
Plant food properly cooked for hot holding		1	0.5	0	
35	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A				
Washing fruits & vegetables		1	0.5	0	
Proper Use of Utensils .2653, .2654					
43	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
In-use utensils: properly stored		1	0.5	0	X
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 type="checkbox"/> IN <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 <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Physical facilities installed, maintained & clean		1	0.5	0	
56	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Meets ventilation & lighting requirements; designated areas used		1	0.5	0	
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS:					1.5



Comment Addendum to Inspection Report

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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.

- 43 3-304.12 (E); Core; Ice scoop was stored in soiled holder. Brown residue observed on bottom of holder. In-use utensils, such as ice scoops or utensils for non-TCS food, must be stored in a clean and protected location. CDI- Holder and scoop removed for cleaning.
- 47 4-501.11; Core; Ice scoop holder is cracked at the bottom. Several metal container lids were observed rusting underneath and the shiny coating on top is flaking. Coating on base of blender is peeling which prevents easy cleaning. Equipment shall be kept in good repair. Replace these items.
4-202.16; Core; Nonfood-contact surfaces of equipment shall be free of unnecessary ledges, projections, and crevices, and designed and constructed to allow easy cleaning and to facilitate maintenance. Replace flaking and rusting container lids.
- 55 6-501.11; Core; FRP wall coating is in poor repair at wall joints above mop sink. Wall joint caulking is also coming apart in this location. Physical facilities shall be maintained in good repair. Repair this area.

Additional Comments

No raw animal foods handled in facility. All protein arrives pre-cooked. Nothing held hot or reheated according to PIC