

# Food Establishment Inspection Report

Score: 95

Establishment Name: MEZEH GRILL

Establishment ID: 4092018701

Location Address: 1286 W WILLIAMS ST

City: APEX State: North Carolina

Zip: 27502-3953 County: 92 Wake

Permittee: MEZEH-APEX LLC

Telephone: (919) 386-3434

Inspection  Re-Inspection  Educational Visit

**Wastewater System:**

Municipal/Community  On-Site System

**Water Supply:**

Municipal/Community  On-Site Supply

Date: 03/11/2025 Status Code: A

Time In: 1:30 PM Time Out: 3:35 PM

Category#: IV

FDA Establishment Type: Full-Service Restaurant

No. of Risk Factor/Intervention Violations: 2

No. of Repeat Risk Factor/Intervention Violations: 1

**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
<b>Supervision .2652</b>					
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	
<b>Employee Health .2652</b>					
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
<b>Good Hygienic Practices .2652, .2653</b>					
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
<b>Preventing Contamination by Hands .2652, .2653, .2655, .2656</b>					
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"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T/N/A	Handwashing sinks supplied & accessible	2	X	0 X
<b>Approved Source .2653, .2655</b>					
11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT	Food obtained from approved source	2	1	0
12	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A/N/O	Required records available: shellstock tags, parasite destruction	2	1	0
<b>Protection from Contamination .2653, .2654</b>					
15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A/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
<b>Potentially Hazardous Food Time/Temperature .2653</b>					
18	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A/N/O	Proper cooking time & temperatures	3	1.5	0
19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A/N/O	Proper reheating procedures for hot holding	3	1.5	0
20	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A/N/O	Proper cooling time & temperatures	3	1.5	0
21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T/N/A/N/O	Proper hot holding temperatures	X	1.5	0 X X
22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A/N/O	Proper cold holding temperatures	3	1.5	0
23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A/N/O	Proper date marking & disposition	3	1.5	0
24	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A/N/O	Time as a Public Health Control; procedures & records	3	1.5	0
<b>Consumer Advisory .2653</b>					
25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	Consumer advisory provided for raw/undercooked foods	1	0.5	0
<b>Highly Susceptible Populations .2653</b>					
26	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	Pasteurized foods used; prohibited foods not offered	3	1.5	0
<b>Chemical .2653, .2657</b>					
27	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	Toxic substances properly identified stored & used	2	1	0
<b>Conformance with Approved Procedures .2653, .2654, .2658</b>					
29	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" 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
<b>Safe Food and Water .2653, .2655, .2658</b>					
30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	Variance obtained for specialized processing methods	2	1	0
<b>Food Temperature Control .2653, .2654</b>					
33	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T	Proper cooling methods used; adequate equipment for temperature control	X	0.5	0 X X
34	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T	Plant food properly cooked for hot holding	1	0.5	0
35	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T	Approved thawing methods used	1	0.5	0
36	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT	Thermometers provided & accurate	1	0.5	0
<b>Food Identification .2653</b>					
37	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT	Food properly labeled: original container	2	1	0
<b>Prevention of Food Contamination .2652, .2653, .2654, .2656, .2657</b>					
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"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T	Wiping cloths: properly used & stored	1	0.5	X
42	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	Washing fruits & vegetables	1	0.5	0
<b>Proper Use of Utensils .2653, .2654</b>					
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
<b>Utensils and Equipment .2653, .2654, .2663</b>					
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
<b>Physical Facilities .2654, .2655, .2656</b>					
50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT	Physical facilities installed, maintained & clean	1	0.5	0
56	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T	Meets ventilation & lighting requirements; designated areas used	1	0.5	X
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS:</b>					<b>5</b>





## 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.

- 10 6-301.12; Priority Foundation; No paper towels available at all handwashing sinks, with the exception of the handwashing sink closest to the fryers. All handwashing sinks shall be provided with a hand drying device. CDI - Towels provided by PIC.
- 21 3-501.16(A)(1); Priority; Three containers of chicken holding less than 135 F. One container stored in the hot box, and the other two containers stored on prep surfaces at room temperature. Refer to temperature chart. Hot foods shall maintain 135 F or above for safety. Do not leave foods out for extended periods of time. CDI - Two containers of chicken reheated to 165 F+. The other container of chicken voluntarily discarded by PIC due to time cooked/time stored at room temperature unknown and unable to be evaluated by EHC.
- 33 3-501.15; Priority Foundation; Cooked quinoa and cooked eggplant cooling at room temperature and wrapped tightly with plastic. Refer to temperature chart. Once 135 F or less is reached active cooling shall begin. Loosen the wrap to facilitate cooling. CDI - Wrap loosened and foods moved to cool rapidly in the walk-in cooler.
- 41 3-304.14; Core; Sanitizer buckets registered 0 ppm of Quat. Quat shall register 200-400 ppm for effective sanitization, unless otherwise specified by manufacturer instructions. Additionally, sanitizer buckets observed with wet wiping cloths filled to the brim and not fully submersed in the sanitizer solution. Do not overfill sanitizer buckets. Fill cloths up to the sanitizer line to ensure cloths are saturated with the sanitizer solution. Buckets dumped and re-filled.
- 56 6-403.11; Core; An employee cell phone stored with clean food-contact surfaces and with/above facility food. Employee items shall be stored in a designated area to prevent contamination. Phone re-located to a designated area where contamination will not occur.