

# Food Establishment Inspection Report

Score: 97

Establishment Name: TACOS MEXICO (WCID #1028)

Establishment ID: 4092030694

Location Address: 209 E WILLIAMS ST

City: APEX State: North Carolina

Zip: 27502 County: 92 Wake

Permittee: ANTONIO ROMERO

Telephone: (919) 362-8074

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: 10:30 AM Time Out: 11:40 AM

Category#: III

FDA Establishment Type: \_\_\_\_\_

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
<b>Supervision .2652</b>					
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	
<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 <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
<b>Approved Source .2653, .2655</b>					
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
<b>Protection from Contamination .2653, .2654</b>					
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 type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT	Food-contact surfaces: cleaned & sanitized	3	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 type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/O	Proper cooling time & temperatures	3	1.5	0
21	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/O	Proper hot holding temperatures	3	1.5	0
22	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/O	Proper cold holding temperatures	3	1.5	0
23	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" 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
<b>Consumer Advisory .2653</b>					
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
<b>Highly Susceptible Populations .2653</b>					
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
<b>Chemical .2653, .2657</b>					
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
<b>Conformance with Approved Procedures .2653, .2654, .2658</b>					
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
<b>Safe Food and Water .2653, .2655, .2658</b>					
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
<b>Food Temperature Control .2653, .2654</b>					
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 type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" 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
<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"/> 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
<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 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 type="checkbox"/> IN <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 type="checkbox"/> N/A	Hot & cold water available; adequate pressure	1	0.5	0
51	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT	Plumbing installed; proper backflow devices	2	0	
52	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT	Sewage & wastewater properly disposed	2	1	0
53	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input 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"/> OUT	Meets ventilation & lighting requirements; designated areas used	1	0.5	0
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS:</b>					<b>3</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.

- 16 4-601.11(A); Priority Foundation; Grill cook tops are rusted. EQUIPMENT FOOD-CONTACT SURFACES and UTENSILS shall be clean to sight and touch. CDI- PIC to clean/repair before re-opening.
- 47 4-501.11; Core; Holes cut in side of soda ice box. EQUIPMENT shall be maintained in a state of good repair and condition. NonFOOD-CONTACT SURFACES shall be free of unnecessary ledges and crevices, and designed and constructed to allow easy cleaning and to facilitate maintenance. Repair/seal the holes.
- 49 4-601.11(B) and (C); Core; Dust accumulation throughout on equipment and shelving. Cooler seals with black microbial growth. NonFOOD-CONTACT SURFACES of EQUIPMENT shall be kept free of an accumulation of dust, dirt, FOOD residue, and other debris. Increase cleaning frequency to these areas.
- 51 5-205.15; Core; Major leaks at hot water box. Food prep faucet is broken off on the hot side. A PLUMBING SYSTEM shall be Repaired according to LAW; and Maintained in good repair. Repair the faucet and water leaks prior to re-opening.

### Additional Comments

Inspection Location: 209 E. Williams St., Apex (parked at restaurant commissary)  
MFU is currently not operating, nearing 1-year in closed status, but wish to keep permit.  
PIC to notify REHS of schedule when re-open.