



TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTION REPORT

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Establishment Name Tropical Cuisine Type of Establishment ☒ Farmer's Market Food Unit ☐ Permanent ☐ Mobile
Address 5035 Ooltewah Ringgold Rd. Suite 110 ☐ Temporary ☐ Seasonal
City Ooltewah Time in 01:10 PM AM / PM Time out 01:40 PM AM / PM
Inspection Date 03/07/2024 Establishment # 605301321 Embargoed 0
Purpose of Inspection ☒ Routine ☐ Follow-up ☐ Complaint ☐ Preliminary ☐ Consultation/Other
Risk Category ☐ 1 ☒ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 Follow-up Required ☐ Yes ☒ No Number of Seats 14

Risk Factors are food preparation practices and employee behaviors most commonly reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as contributing factors in foodborne illness outbreaks. Public Health interventions are control measures to prevent illness or injury.

FOODBORNE ILLNESS RISK FACTORS AND PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS

(Mark designated compliance status (IN, OUT, NA, NO) for each numbered item. For items marked OUT, mark COS or R for each item as applicable. Deduct points for category or subcategory.)

IN=in compliance					OUT=not in compliance					NA=not applicable					NO=not observed					COS=corrected on-site during inspection					R=repeat (violation of the same code provision)				
Compliance Status										COS					R					WT									
	IN	OUT	NA	NO	Supervision																								
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Person in charge present, demonstrates knowledge, and performs duties										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5									
	IN	OUT	NA	NO	Employee Health																								
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Management and food employee awareness, reporting										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5									
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Proper use of restriction and exclusion										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
	IN	OUT	NA	NO	Good Hygienic Practices																								
4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Proper eating, tasting, drinking, or tobacco use										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5									
5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	No discharge from eyes, nose, and mouth										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
	IN	OUT	NA	NO	Preventing Contamination by Hands																								
6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Hands clean and properly washed										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5									
7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No bare hand contact with ready-to-eat foods or approved alternate procedures followed										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Handwashing sinks properly supplied and accessible										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2									
	IN	OUT	NA	NO	Approved Source																								
9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Food obtained from approved source										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5									
10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Food received at proper temperature										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Food in good condition, safe, and unadulterated										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
12	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Required records available: shell stock tags, parasite destruction										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
	IN	OUT	NA	NO	Protection from Contamination																								
13	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Food separated and protected										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4									
14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Food-contact surfaces: cleaned and sanitized										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Proper disposition of unsafe food, returned food not re-served										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2									

Compliance Status										COS					R					WT				
	IN	OUT	NA	NO	Cooking and Reheating of Time/Temperature Control For Safety (TCS) Foods																			
16	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proper cooking time and temperatures										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5				
17	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proper reheating procedures for hot holding										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	IN	OUT	NA	NO	Cooling and Holding, Date Marking, and Time as a Public Health Control																			
18	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proper cooling time and temperature										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5				
19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proper hot holding temperatures										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
20	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Proper cold holding temperatures										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proper date marking and disposition										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
22	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Time as a public health control: procedures and records										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	IN	OUT	NA	NO	Consumer Advisory																			
23	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Consumer advisory provided for raw and undercooked food										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4				
	IN	OUT	NA	NO	Highly Susceptible Populations																			
24	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Pasteurized foods used; prohibited foods not offered										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5				
	IN	OUT	NA	NO	Chemicals																			
25	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Food additives: approved and properly used										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5				
26	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Toxic substances properly identified, stored, used										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	IN	OUT	NA	NO	Conformance with Approved Procedures																			
27	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Compliance with variance, specialized process, and HACCP plan										<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5				

Good Retail Practices are preventive measures to control the introduction of pathogens, chemicals, and physical objects into foods.

GOOD RETAIL PRACTICES

OUT=not in compliance					COS=corrected on-site during inspection					R=repeat (violation of the same code provision)					
Compliance Status					COS	R	WT	Compliance Status					COS	R	WT
	OUT	Safe Food and Water							OUT	Utensils and Equipment					
28	<input type="radio"/>	Pasteurized eggs used where required			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	45	<input type="radio"/>	Food and nonfood-contact surfaces cleanable, properly designed, constructed, and used			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
29	<input type="radio"/>	Water and ice from approved source			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	2	46	<input type="radio"/>	Warewashing facilities, installed, maintained, used, test strips			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
30	<input type="radio"/>	Variance obtained for specialized processing methods			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	47	<input type="radio"/>	Nonfood-contact surfaces clean			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
	OUT	Food Temperature Control							OUT	Physical Facilities					
31	<input type="radio"/>	Proper cooling methods used; adequate equipment for temperature control			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	2	48	<input type="radio"/>	Hot and cold water available; adequate pressure			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	2
32	<input type="radio"/>	Plant food properly cooked for hot holding			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	49	<input type="radio"/>	Plumbing installed; proper backflow devices			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	2
33	<input type="radio"/>	Approved thawing methods used			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	50	<input type="radio"/>	Sewage and waste water properly disposed			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	2
34	<input type="radio"/>	Thermometers provided and accurate			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	51	<input type="radio"/>	Toilet facilities: properly constructed, supplied, cleaned			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
	OUT	Food Identification						52	<input type="radio"/>	Garbage/refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
35	<input type="radio"/>	Food properly labeled; original container; required records available			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	53	<input type="radio"/>	Physical facilities installed, maintained, and clean			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
	OUT	Prevention of Food Contamination						54	<input type="radio"/>	Adequate ventilation and lighting; designated areas used			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
36	<input type="radio"/>	Insects, rodents, and animals not present			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	2		OUT	Administrative Items					
37	<input type="radio"/>	Contamination prevented during food preparation, storage & display			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	55	<input type="radio"/>	Current permit posted			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	0
38	<input type="radio"/>	Personal cleanliness			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	56	<input type="radio"/>	Most recent inspection posted			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
39	<input type="radio"/>	Wiping cloths; properly used and stored			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	Compliance Status					YES	NO	WT
40	<input type="radio"/>	Washing fruits and vegetables			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	Non-Smokers Protection Act							
	OUT	Proper Use of Utensils						57	<input type="radio"/>	Compliance with TN Non-Smoker Protection Act			<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
41	<input type="radio"/>	In-use utensils; properly stored			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	58	<input type="radio"/>	Tobacco products offered for sale			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	0
42	<input type="radio"/>	Utensils, equipment and linens; properly stored, dried, handled			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	59	<input type="radio"/>	If tobacco products are sold, NSPA survey completed			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
43	<input type="radio"/>	Single-use/single-service articles; properly stored, used			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1								
44	<input type="radio"/>	Gloves used properly			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1								

Failure to correct any violations of risk factor items within ten (10) days may result in suspension of your food service establishment permit. Repeated violation of an identical risk factor may result in revocation of your food service establishment permit. Items identified as constituting imminent health hazards shall be corrected immediately or operations shall cease. You are required to post the food service establishment permit in a conspicuous manner and post the most recent inspection report in a conspicuous manner. You have the right to request a hearing regarding this report by filing a written request with the Commissioner within ten (10) days of the date of this report. T.C.A. sections 68-14-703, 68-14-706, 68-14-708, 68-14-711, 68-14-715, 68-14-716, 4-5-329.

Signature of Person In Charge [Signature] Date 03/07/2024 Signature of Environmental Health Specialist [Signature] Date 03/07/2024

**** Additional food safety information can be found on our website, <http://tn.gov/health/article/eh-foodservice> ****

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Establishment Information	
Establishment Name:	Tropical Cuisine
Establishment Number #:	605301321

NSPA Survey – To be completed if #57 is "No"	
Age-restricted venue does not affirmatively restrict access to its buildings or facilities at all times to persons who are twenty-one (21) years of age or older.	
Age-restricted venue does not require each person attempting to gain entry to submit acceptable form of identification.	
"No Smoking" signs or the International "Non-Smoking" symbol are not conspicuously posted at every entrance.	
Garage type doors in non-enclosed areas are not completely open.	
Tents or awnings with removable sides or vents in non-enclosed areas are not completely removed or open.	
Smoke from non-enclosed areas is infiltrating into areas where smoking is prohibited.	
Smoking observed where smoking is prohibited by the Act.	

Warewashing Info			
Machine Name	Sanitizer Type	PPM	Temperature (Fahrenheit)
Triple sink	QA	200	

Equipment Temperature	
Description	Temperature (Fahrenheit)
Reach in cooler	37
Drawers	37
Low boy	39
Display cooler	39

Food Temperature		
Description	State of Food	Temperature (Fahrenheit)
Rice (reach in)	Cold Holding	39
Tofu (reach in)	Cold Holding	39
Sliced tomatoes (low boy)	Cold Holding	39
Slaw (low boy)	Cold Holding	39
Slaw (reach in cooler)	Cold Holding	39
Rice	Hot Holding	168
Spinach patty (display cooler)	Cold Holding	39
Sliced tomatoes (drawer)	Cold Holding	39

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Comments/Other Observations

- 1: (IN): PIC demonstrates knowledge by having no violations of priority violations during current inspection.
- 2: (IN): an employee health policy is available.
- 3: (IN) There are no food workers observed working with specific reportable symptoms or illnesses.
- 4: (IN) Employee isn't drinking, eating, or using tobacco in a food preparation area.
- 5: (IN) No employees exhibiting persistent coughing, sneezing, runny nose, or watery eyes.
- 6: (IN): good handwashing observed.
- 7: (IN) Employees are observed using suitable utensils or gloves to prevent bare hand (or arm) contact with ready-to-eat foods.
- 8: (IN): All handsinks are properly equipped and conveniently located for food employee use.
- 9: (IN): Food from approved sources.
- 10: (NO): No food received during inspection.
- 11: (IN) All food was in good, sound condition at time of inspection.
- 12: (NA) Shell stock not used and parasite destruction not required at this establishment.
- 13: (NA): No raw animal products present at facility during time of inspection.
- 14: (IN) All food contact surfaces of equipment and utensils cleaned and sanitized using approved methods.
- 15: (IN) No unsafe, returned or previously served food served.
- 16: (NA) No raw animal foods served.
- 17: (NO) No TCS foods reheated during inspection.
- 18: (NO): no TCS foods observed cooling during routine inspection.
- 19: (IN): See temperatures.
- 20: (IN): See temperatures.
- 21: (IN) Verified date marking system in place for all ready-to-eat TCS foods that are held longer than 24 hours.
- 22: (NO) Time as a public health control is not being used during the inspection.
- 23: (NA) Establishment does not serve animal food that is raw or undercooked.
- 24: (NA) A highly susceptible population is not served.
- 25: (NA) Establishment does not use any additives or sulfites on the premises.
- 26: (IN) All poisonous or toxic items are properly identified, stored, and used.
- 27: (NA) Establishment is not required to have a variance or HACCP plan, performs no special processes.
- 57:
- 58:

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Additional Comments

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Comments/Other Observations (cont'd)**Additional Comments (cont'd)**

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Sources

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