



# TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTION REPORT

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# 91

Establishment Name El Meson Type of Establishment ☒ Farmer's Market Food Unit ☐ Permanent ☐ Mobile  
 Address 248 Northgate Mall Rd. ☐ Temporary ☐ Seasonal  
 City Chattanooga Time in 02:15 PM AM / PM Time out 03:15 PM AM / PM  
 Inspection Date 04/18/2022 Establishment # 605211305 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 175

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)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																		
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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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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								OUT	Administrative Items						
35	<input type="radio"/>	Food properly labeled; original container; required records available			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	52	<input type="radio"/>	Garbage/refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1		
	OUT	Prevention of Food Contamination							53	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Physical facilities installed, maintained, and clean			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	
36	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Insects, rodents, and animals not present			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	2	54	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Adequate ventilation and lighting; designated areas used			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1		
37	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Contamination prevented during food preparation, storage & display			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1		OUT	Compliance Status			YES	NO	WT		
38	<input type="radio"/>	Personal cleanliness			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	55	<input type="radio"/>	Current permit posted			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	0		
39	<input type="radio"/>	Wiping cloths: properly used and stored			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	56	<input type="radio"/>	Most recent inspection posted			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	0		
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		Compliance with TN Non-Smoker Protection Act			<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	0	
41	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	In-use utensils; properly stored			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	58		Tobacco products offered for sale			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			
42	<input type="radio"/>	Utensils, equipment and linens; properly stored, dried, handled			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1	59		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, 68-14-709, 68-14-711, 68-14-715, 68-14-716, 4-5-329.

Signature of Person In Charge [Signature] Date 04/18/2022 Signature of Environmental Health Specialist [Signature] Date 04/18/2022

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

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<b>Establishment Information</b>	
Establishment Name:	El Meson
Establishment Number #:	605211305

<b>NSPA Survey – To be completed if #57 is "No"</b>	
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.	

<b>Warewashing Info</b>			
<b>Machine Name</b>	<b>Sanitizer Type</b>	<b>PPM</b>	<b>Temperature ( Fahrenheit)</b>
Sani bucket	Quat	300	
Dish machine	Chlorine	100	

<b>Equipment Temperature</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Temperature ( Fahrenheit)</b>

<b>Food Temperature</b>		
<b>Description</b>	<b>State of Food</b>	<b>Temperature ( Fahrenheit)</b>
Cut toms	Cold Holding	38
Cut lettuce	Cold Holding	39
Raw shrimp	Cold Holding	40
Chx	Hot Holding	166
Soup	Hot Holding	166
Queso	Hot Holding	145
Rice	Hot Holding	155
Ground beef	Cold Holding	39
Corn	Cooling	55
Cut toms	Cold Holding	39
Refried beans	Hot Holding	160

### Observed Violations

Total # 8

Repeated # 0

- 34: Thermometer missing from low boy.
- 36: Fruit flies around mop sink.
- 37: Shelf with food stored on it on the floor. Should be 6 inches off floor.
- 41: Knife stored between two pieces of equipment.
- 45: Gaskets in poor repair on low boy.
- 47: Water build up in bottom of cooler.
- 53: Floor tiles in poor repair.
- 54: Employee drink above prep area. Unshielded light in hood.

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**Comments/Other Observations**

- 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: Observed good hand washing from all employees
- 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: Approved
- 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: (IN) All raw animal food is separated and protected as required.
- 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: (NO) No raw animal foods cooked during inspection.
- 17: (NO) No TCS foods reheated during inspection. Discussed proper reheating.
- 18: Cooling corn in appropriate time.
- 19: See food temps
- 20: See food temps
- 21: (IN) Verified date marking system in place for all ready-to-eat TCS foods that are held longer than 24 hours.
- 22: (NA) No food held under time as a public health control.
- 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:

\*\*\*See page at the end of this document for any violations that could not be displayed in this space.

**Additional Comments**

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

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