

# City of Weslaco

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### Weslaco Conducts Regular Inspections at Local Restaurants

Weslaco, Texas — It may not be on the menu, but it is on the books. The City of Weslaco routinely inspects local dining establishments to verify compliance with health codes and safety regulations.

The Health Division, within the City's Planning and Code Enforcement Department, conducts unannounced inspections regularly throughout the year, depending on risk category, at food service venues. Risk levels include low, moderate, and high, which correlate to two, three, or four minimum, annual inspections. Two types of violations may be identified during the course of the inspection:

**Critical violations** are deemed unacceptable practices that directly contribute to food contamination and temperature abuse which may pose an immediate risk to public health, such as resulting in a food borne illness or other injury. Critical violations must be corrected immediately or as directed by the Health Division.

**Non-critical violations** are improper practices that relate to the physical condition of an establishment, typically involving equipment, cleaning, or storage. Non-critical violations must be corrected before the next routine inspection or as directed by the Health Division. Restaurants receive scores to assess these non-critical violations, ranging from "0" to "100" demerits; over 40 demerits during a single inspection results in immediate closure of the facility until the Health Division determines it is ready to reopen for food service to the public.

"Weslaco has some of the best restaurants in the Valley," said City Manager Leonardo Olivares. "The City is working to keep all our restaurants the cleanest."

With any questions regarding this inspection process, or to express concern about the compliance of a local restaurant, contact the Weslaco Code Enforcement Health Division at 956-447-3401.

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