

Local country club restaurant shut down after inspector finds evidence of rodents

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state health inspector temporarily closed the restaurant at an Orange County country club after finding evidence of rodents.

The Rio Pinar Country Club restaurant, called Champions Grill on its website, was closed Dec. 6 after the inspector found dozens of rodent droppings in the kitchen and in storage areas.

The club is located at 8600 El Prado Drive in eastern Orange County.

“More than 20 dark fresh moist rodent droppings on shelves in storage room in kitchen area,” one of the violations read, according to the report from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

The report noted rodent droppings under a dish machine, behind a cooler and in various other areas on the floor and in a plastic bucket.

There were also scratch marks along walls.

The evidence of rodents was among 31 violations the restaurant at the Rio Pinar Country Club totaled during the inspection, including five high-priority violations.

Phone numbers listed online and on the website for the country club did not work. Rio Pinar also did not immediately return an email seeking comment.

The restaurant was closed for two days until being allowed to reopen Dec. 8 after a follow-up inspection.