

## Snack Dragon Taco Shack Closes Its Orchard Street Outpost

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For the first time in a decade, Manhattan no longer features the presence of **Snack Dragon**. Notorious slumlord Steve Croman forced restaurant owner Josephine Jansen from the OG outpost on East Third Street last November. He more than tripled the rent (<http://www.boweryboogie.com/2014/07/snack-dragon-3rd-street-closing-steve-croman-tripled-rent/>) on the 100 square-foot store. Now, three short months later, more bad news for the brand. Its sibling to the south just met the same fate.

The Snack Dragon location at 164 Orchard – which debuted in 2010 – appears permanently out of commission. Behind the drawn security gates is a minuscule space cleared almost completely of its fixtures.



Unfortunate as it may be, this news shouldn't come as a shock to anyone. In the first sign of troubles, Snack Dragon got in some hot water a couple years ago due to a snafu over workers compensation insurance (<http://www.boweryboogie.com/2013/09/snack-dragon-orchard-shuttered-doh/>). The DOH shuttered the joint, but it reopened a few days later. Then last April, 164 Orchard was placed on the rental market (<http://www.boweryboogie.com/2014/04/snack-dragon-taco-shack-orchard-street-rent/>).

Jansen had previously noted to us that "NYC is nearly an impossible climate to operate in."

Meanwhile, calls to the Williamsburg satellite ring ad nauseum. No update on its condition.

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Both places were also facing a huge amount of competition that did not exist five and ten years ago. When they opened on 3rd Street they were the only place within almost

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