

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Alaska

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under AS 17.20.332.

STATUTE	TIER	IJ GRADE	COUNTIES COVERED	LAST VERIFIED
AS 17.20.332	Okay	C	29	2026-05-05

IMPORTANT – NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above.

Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision. Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

OFFICIAL STATE HANDOUT

Alaska Cottage Food Law — Official Guidance Summary

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation · AS 17.20.332 · Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation · <https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/food/cottage-food-exemption/>

Alaska's cottage food rules are set by AS 17.20.332. The summary below is drawn from Crosodo's verified statute research and official agency guidance. Always confirm current requirements on the state agency website before you sell.

Program basics

What law governs cottage food in Alaska?

- Alaska Homemade Food Exemption (HB 251, 2024)

What is the annual sales cap?

- None

Is registration or a permit required?

- Yes

Is a food handler certificate required?

- No

Are kitchen inspections required?

- No

Allowed products and sales channels

What foods are allowed?

- Producers can sell almost any type of homemade food, including perishable foods (e.g., baked goods, eggs, kombucha, fermented foods) and certain meat products under federal exemptions. Sales are allowed in-person, online (direct to consumer), and through retail stores with no annual sales cap.

What foods are prohibited?

- Prohibited items include homemade dairy products (milk, ice cream, cheese, butter), seafood, oil rendered from animal fat, alcohol, cannabis, and game meat. Meat may be used only from federally exempt sources (USDA-inspected facility or own poultry under 1,000 birds).
- Perishable foods cannot be sold via third-party online food hub marketplaces.

Can I sell to retailers or restaurants (indirect sales)?

- Retail store sales are permitted; the store must display a sign indicating the food is homemade, may contain allergens, and is not regulated or inspected, and homemade products must be on a separate shelf from inspected foods.

Labeling

What labeling is required?

- Labels must include business address, business name, phone number, and the statement: 'This food was made in a home kitchen, is not regulated or inspected, except for meat and meat products, and may contain allergens.' Producers must also include their business license number on labels.

Statute excerpt

AS 17.20.332

What does the Alaska cottage food statute say?

- Sec. 17.20.332. Exemption for homemade food. (a) Except as otherwise provided in AS 17.20.332 - 17.20.338, a homemade food produced, sold, and consumed in compliance with this section is exempt from state labeling, licensing, packaging, permitting, and inspection requirements.
- (b) The sale of a homemade food under this section (1) is only for personal consumption; (2) must occur in the state at a farmers' market, an agricultural fair, a farm, a ranch, the producer's home or office, the retail location of a third-party seller, or a location agreed on between the producer and the buyer; and (3) may not involve (A) interstate commerce; or (B) the purchase or sale of (i) meat or meat products, except as provided in (h) of this section; (ii) seafood; (iii) a controlled substance; (iv) oil rendered from animal fat; or (v) game meat.
- (c) Except for raw, unprocessed fruits and vegetables, a homemade food may not be sold or used in a commercial food establishment. (d) A homemade food may be sold from a retail space located at a ranch, farm, or home where the homemade food is produced or at a retail location of a third-party seller.
- A retail space selling a homemade food shall prominently display a sign indicating that the homemade food was made in a home kitchen, may contain allergens, and is not, except for meat and meat products permitted under (h) of this section, regulated or inspected.

Official sources**Where should I verify these rules?**

- State agency cottage food page: <https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/food/cottage-food-exemption/>
- Statute: <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/aac.asp#18.31.012>

Summarized from official Alaska cottage food statute research and agency guidance. Agency rules change — verify on the official site before relying on this information.

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Executive summary

This report covers the Alaska cottage food framework — the state statute, the regulatory body administering it, what producers can and cannot sell, and county-level rules layered on top of state law for the 29 Alaska counties included in this dataset.

ANNUAL SALES CAP —	REGISTRATION REQUIRED Yes
FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION No	KITCHEN INSPECTION No
DIRECT SALES ONLY No	INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE) Yes — Retail store sales are permitted; the store must display a sign indicating the food is homemade, may contain allergens, and is not regulated or inspected, and homemade products must be on a separate shelf from inspected foods.

RESEARCH NOTES

In 2024 Alaska replaced the old cottage food regulation (18 AAC 31.012) with a comprehensive food freedom law under HB 251 (AS 17.20.332-17.20.338), making it one of the most permissive states. The statute_url in the input references the old administrative code; the operative new statute is AS 17.20.332. The IJ grade of C predates the 2024 law and likely would be higher under current law. The Municipality of Anchorage has its own additional rules. A business license is required from the Alaska Dept. of Commerce. The old 18 AAC 31.012 rule (limited to \$25,000/yr, nonperishable, no home address required) still technically exists as an alternative option for producers who do not want to disclose their home address. State dept cottage food URL returned 404; current info at dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/.

TOP QUESTIONS HOME BAKERS ASK ABOUT ALASKA

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

Not specified in state data — check county

PETS ALLOWED?

Varies by county — see below

STATE REGISTRATION REQUIRED?

Yes

HEALTH DEPT INSPECTION?

No

SALES CAP

—

ONLINE / SHIPPING ALLOWED?

Yes (Retail store sales are permitted; the store must display a sign indicating the food is homemade, may contain allergens, and is not regulated or inspected, and homemade products must be on a separate shelf from inspected foods.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Varies by county — see county details below

HOME KITCHEN BASELINE

Varies by county

County rules can add restrictions on top of the state baseline. Always verify with your local health department and planning office.

KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR BAKERS IN ALASKA

- Alaska (Okay tier) — annual sales cap: see statute.
- Home kitchen rules vary by county — use the county sections below for permits, inspections, and zoning overlays.
- Check whether your county requires a separate dedicated kitchen, home occupation permit, or local business license.
- Labeling and registration requirements are set by state law; confirm exact wording with Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.
- Registration required: Yes.
- Direct vs indirect sales: Yes (Retail store sales are permitted; the store must display a sign indicating the food is homemade, may contain allergens, and is not regulated or inspected, and homemade products must be on a separate shelf from inspected foods.).

PORCH / ON-SITE SALES

These are frequently more restricted by local zoning than by cottage food law. Check the county-level "On-site / porch pickup" answers and confirm with county planning.

RECOMMENDED FIRST STEPS

1. Confirm your county rules using the county sections below or the standalone county PDF.
2. Check if you need any local business license or home occupation permit (most don't).
3. Prepare labels with the required home-kitchen disclosure (wording varies by state/county).
4. Register with the state if your projected sales or product type requires it (check the registration field).
5. Start with direct sales at farmers markets or on-site — often the easiest path in Alaska.

Alaska Homemade Food Exemption (HB 251, 2024)

CITATION

AS 17.20.332

ENACTED

2024

LAST AMENDED

2024

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

Allowed foods

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Labeling requirements

Labels must include business address, business name, phone number, and the statement: 'This food was made in a home kitchen, is not regulated or inspected, except for meat and meat products, and may contain allergens.' Producers must also include their business license number on labels.

Statutory text – verbatim excerpt

STATUTE EXCERPT – VERBATIM

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Source: https://www.akleg.gov/basis/get_documents.asp?docid=45718&session=33

Official sources

Statute <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/aac.asp#18.31.012>

State dept page <https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/food/cottage-food-exemption/>

Extension service <https://www.uaf.edu/ces/publications/database/catalog/hec/FNH-00130.pdf>

Forrager.com <https://forrager.com/law/alaska/>

State dept of agriculture / health: **Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation**

County-level rules

The state statute above sets the floor. Each county may add a home-occupation permit, business license, or zoning rule on top of state law. The 29 Alaska counties below are listed alphabetically (Crosodo Index* shown for reference – see methodology at end of report). The Crosodo Index is our internal ranking of U.S. counties by how permissive the combined state + county rules are for home cottage food operations.

ALASKA: ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH

CROSODO INDEX #1650* · FIPS 02013 · Sand Point

Aleutians East BoroughPopulation 3,632 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods (no temp control needed) allowed from home kitchen. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. No state permit required; local jurisdictions may add requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state level; best practice is no pets in kitchen during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No state-level home occupation permit required. Aleutians East Borough is a rural borough with limited organized government; no known local home occupation ordinance found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods (no temp control needed) allowed from home kitchen. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. No state permit required; local jurisdictions may add requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level; best practice is no pets in kitchen during production.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food; private well/septic not subject to state inspection for homemade food.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate for home kitchens.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food operations.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — No state-level home occupation permit required. Aleutians East Borough is a rural borough with limited organized government; no known local home occupation ordinance found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES			
Regulation	Aleutians East Borough	Aleutians West Census Area	Lake and Peninsula Borough
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state level; best practice is no pets in kitchen during production.	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	No	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods (no temp control needed) allowed from home kitchen. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold di...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food operations.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	3,407	5,219	999

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found for Aleutians East Borough. Very rural, limited municipal infrastructure. Defaults to Alaska state homemade food law (AS 17.20.332). State law notes local jurisdictions (cities, boroughs) may have additional requirements; no such requirements found for this borough in available sources.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/aleutians-east-borough-discuss>

ALASKA: ALEUTIANS WEST CENSUS AREA

CROSODO INDEX #308* · FIPS 02016 · —

Aleutians West Census AreaPopulation 5,424 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state level.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES			
Regulation	Aleutians West Census Area	Aleutians East Borough	Bethel Census Area
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level; best practice is no pets in kitchen during production.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	Varies	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods (no temp control needed) allowed from home kitchen. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold di...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food operations.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	5,219	3,407	18,538

RESEARCH NOTES

Aleutians West is a Census Area (unorganized borough) with no local government structure. No home occupation permit, zoning, or local cottage food rules apply. Entirely governed by state law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/aleutians-west-census-area-discuss>

ALASKA: ANCHORAGE MUNICIPALITY

CROSODO INDEX #2566* · FIPS 02020 · Anchorage

Anchorage Municipality

Population 290,674 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332; no state permit required beyond business license; no sales cap; kitchen inspection not required; both TCS and non-TCS foods allowed · **HIGH**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Home or leased kitchen required; sanitary conditions required; running water and refrigeration required (especially for TCS/PHF foods); no state kitchen inspection; non-PHF foods broadly available, PHF foods allowed with direct-consumer sales only)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Children and pets must not be in the kitchen during cottage food preparation (per MOA cottage food license requirements)

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Municipality of Anchorage requires an annual \$25 cottage food license from the Anchorage Health Department (AHD). Applicants must provide food worker card, product/ingredient list, pH/water activity test results for pickled/dried items. Annual sales cap of \$25,000 within MOA. Selling to restaurants, wholesalers, or online/phone/mail is not permitted within MOA)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Municipality of Anchorage may inspect on complaint or reported foodborne illness; MOA cottage food license required (\$25 annual fee))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Home or leased kitchen required; sanitary conditions required; running water and refrigeration required (especially for TCS/PHF foods); no state kitchen inspection; non-PHF foods broadly available, PHF foods allowed with direct-consumer sales only
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Children and pets must not be in the kitchen during cottage food preparation (per MOA cottage food license requirements)
WATER SUPPLY	Running water required at kitchen facility
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required; food worker card required (MOA)
FOOD STORAGE	Adequate refrigeration required for TCS/PHF foods; sanitary storage for non-PHF foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Municipality of Anchorage may inspect on complaint or reported foodborne illness; MOA cottage food license required (\$25 annual fee)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Municipality of Anchorage requires an annual \$25 cottage food license from the Anchorage Health Department (AHD). Applicants must provide food worker card, product/ingredient list, pH/water activity test results for pickled/dried items. Annual sales cap of \$25,000 within MOA. Selling to restaurants, wholesalers, or online/phone/mail is not permitted within MOA
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer only; no sales to restaurants, wholesalers, or via internet/phone/mail within MOA; \$25,000 annual sales cap within MOA
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified; cottage food operators must ensure food worker card compliance

Relevant county code

Municipality of Anchorage Cottage Food License requirements; AHD Health Permit

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES

Regulation	Anchorage Municipality	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Kenai Peninsula Borough
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Children and pets must not be in the kitchen during cottage food preparation (per MOA cottage food license requirements)	No specific state restriction in the Food Freedom Act.	No specific pet restriction in state food freedom law.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct to consumer only; no sales to restaurants, wholesalers, or via internet/ phone/mail within MOA; \$25,000 annual sales cap within MOA	Sales permitted in-person, online (direct to consumer), and through retail stores. No annual sales cap. Perishable foods cannot be sold via...	Very broad under 2024 law: in-person, online direct to consumer, delivery. No third-party online food hub marketplace for perishable foods....
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Home or leased kitchen required; sanitary conditions required; running water and refrigeration required (especially for TCS/PHF foods); no ...	Alaska’s 2024 Food Freedom Act (HB 251) replaced the prior cottage food law. Producers can sell almost any type of homemade food including ...	Alaska’s 2024 Food Freedom Act (HB 251, AS 17.20.332) is one of the most permissive in the nation. Almost any homemade food can be sold inc...
FOOD STORAGE	Adequate refrigeration required for TCS/PHF foods; sanitary storage for non-PHF foods	Broad range allowed. Prohibited: homemade dairy, seafood, animal fat oil, alcohol, cannabis, game meat. Perishable items cannot be sold via...	No specific state cottage food storage requirement beyond general food safety.
POPULATION	290,674	108,661	59,235

RESEARCH NOTES

Anchorage Municipality is notably more restrictive than state baseline: annual \$25 cottage food license required; \$25,000 local sales cap (vs no state cap); no online/phone/mail sales; food worker card required; no internet sales permitted. State baseline is permissive but MOA adds significant local requirements. MOA PDF source confirmed from muni.org.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/>

<https://www.muni.org/departments/health/admin/environment/fss/documents/new%20logo%20cottage%20food%20information%20final%2010.31.18.pdf>

<https://standscout.com/blog/alaska-cottage-food-laws-2026>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/anchorage-municipality-discuss>

ALASKA: BETHEL CENSUS AREA

CROSODO INDEX #318* · FIPS 02050 · —

Bethel Census AreaPopulation 18,237 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state level.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES			
Regulation	Bethel Census Area	Dillingham Census Area	Lake and Peninsula Borough
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	No	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	18,538	4,854	999

RESEARCH NOTES

Bethel Census Area is an unorganized area with no local government structure. No home occupation permit, zoning, or local cottage food rules apply. Entirely governed by state law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/bethel-census-area-discuss>

ALASKA: BRISTOL BAY BOROUGH

CROSODO INDEX #1651* · FIPS 02060 · —

Bristol Bay BoroughPopulation 884 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Local borough may have additional requirements; none found.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state level.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Bristol Bay Borough has organized government but very small population (~1,000). No specific home occupation or cottage food ordinances found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Local borough may have additional requirements; none found.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Bristol Bay Borough has organized government but very small population (~1,000). No specific home occupation or cottage food ordinances found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES			
Regulation	Bristol Bay Borough	Dillingham Census Area	Lake and Peninsula Borough
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	No	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	854	4,854	999

RESEARCH NOTES

Bristol Bay Borough is organized but very small. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. Defaults to Alaska state homemade food law. State law notes local jurisdictions may add requirements; none found for this borough.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.bbborough.com>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/bristol-bay-borough-discuss>

ALASKA: DENALI BOROUGH

CROSODO INDEX #1652* · FIPS 02068 · —

Denali BoroughPopulation 1,621 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Local borough may have additional requirements; none found.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state level.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Denali Borough has organized government. No specific home occupation or cottage food ordinances found in search. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Local borough may have additional requirements; none found.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Denali Borough has organized government. No specific home occupation or cottage food ordinances found in search. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES

Regulation	Denali Borough	Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	No	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	2,101	6,888	5,355

RESEARCH NOTES

Denali Borough is organized with modest population (~2,000). No county-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. Defaults to Alaska state homemade food law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://denaliborough.org>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/denali-borough-discuss>

ALASKA: DILLINGHAM CENSUS AREA

CROSODO INDEX #377* · FIPS 02070 · —

Dillingham Census AreaPopulation 4,642 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state level.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES			
Regulation	Dillingham Census Area	Bethel Census Area	Bristol Bay Borough
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	No	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	4,854	18,538	854

RESEARCH NOTES

Dillingham Census Area is an unorganized area with no local government structure. No home occupation permit, zoning, or local cottage food rules apply. Entirely governed by state law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/dillingham-census-area-discuss>

ALASKA: FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

CROSODO INDEX #1572* · FIPS 02090 · Fairbanks

Fairbanks North Star BoroughPopulation 96,299 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (HB 251, 2024 Food Freedom Act) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Alaska's 2024 HB 251 (AS 17.20.332) replaced prior cottage food rules with a comprehensive food freedom law. Broad permission for homemade food sales including most perishable foods, eggs, kombucha, fermented foods, some meats. No annual sales cap. Food permit not required. Registration required. Interstate sales not allowed for TCS perishable foods via third-party online food hubs. Alaska business license required from Department of Commerce.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under Alaska food freedom law; good manufacturing practices recommended.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Fairbanks North Star Borough may have local home occupation or business rules. Municipality of Anchorage has its own additional rules but FNSB is a separate borough. Operators should check with FNSB community planning (907-459-1260) for home-based business requirements. Alaska business license required from ADOC.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under AS 17.20.332; Alaska DEC Environmental Health Officers available for questions.)

Home kitchen rules**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

Yes — Alaska's 2024 HB 251 (AS 17.20.332) replaced prior cottage food rules with a comprehensive food freedom law. Broad permission for homemade food sales including most perishable foods, eggs, kombucha, fermented foods, some meats. No annual sales cap. Food permit not required. Registration required. Interstate sales not allowed for TCS perishable foods via third-party online food hubs. Alaska business license required from Department of Commerce.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific restriction under Alaska food freedom law; good manufacturing practices recommended.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific requirement stated in AS 17.20.332.

HANDWASHING

No specific statutory requirement for cottage food under AS 17.20.332.

FOOD STORAGE

Most non-potentially hazardous foods allowed without restriction; TCS foods allowed with certain conditions. Home dairy, seafood, alcohol, cannabis, game meat prohibited.

Inspection & permitting**INSPECTION REQUIRED**

No — No routine inspection required under AS 17.20.332; Alaska DEC Environmental Health Officers available for questions.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Varies — Fairbanks North Star Borough may have local home occupation or business rules. Municipality of Anchorage has its own additional rules but FNSB is a separate borough. Operators should check with FNSB community planning (907-459-1260) for home-based business requirements. Alaska business license required from ADOC.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer and in-store sales allowed for non-perishable foods. Perishable TCS foods cannot be sold via third-party online food hub marketplaces. Alaska business license required.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit in Alaska food freedom law.

Relevant county code

No FNSB-specific cottage food code identified; state law governs.

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES

Regulation	Fairbanks North Star Borough	Denali Borough	Southeast Fairbanks Census Area
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific restriction under Alaska food freedom law; good manufacturing practices recommended.	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer and in-store sales allowed for non-perishable foods. Perishable TCS foods cannot be sold via third-party online food hub...	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	Alaska's 2024 HB 251 (AS 17.20.332) replaced prior cottage food rules with a comprehensive food freedom law. Broad permission for homemade ...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...
FOOD STORAGE	Most non-potentially hazardous foods allowed without restriction; TCS foods allowed with certain conditions. Home dairy, seafood, alcohol, ...	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	96,299	2,101	6,888

RESEARCH NOTES

No FNSB-specific cottage food rules found. Alaska's 2024 HB 251 (AS 17.20.332) is among the most permissive laws in the country, replacing prior limited rules. Prior 18 AAC 31.012 (\$25,000 cap, nonperishable only) still exists as an alternative for producers who do not want to disclose home address. DEC cottage food URL noted as previously returning 404; current page is dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food (confirmed active). Fairbanks North Star Borough is separate from Municipality of Anchorage and does not have Anchorage's additional cottage food rules.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/food/cottage-food-exemption/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/aac.asp#18.31.012>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/fairbanks-north-star-borough-discuss>

ALASKA: HAINES BOROUGH

CROSODO INDEX #1563* · FIPS 02100 · —

Haines BoroughPopulation 2,104 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Local borough may have additional requirements; none found.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state level.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Haines Borough has organized government. No specific home occupation or cottage food ordinances found in search. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Local borough may have additional requirements; none found.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Haines Borough has organized government. No specific home occupation or cottage food ordinances found in search. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES			
Regulation	Haines Borough	Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	Juneau City and Borough
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level; local rules may apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	No	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	No	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	State law allows home kitchen production without permit. City and Borough of Juneau may have additional local requirements. State DEC FAQ n...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	2,079	2,329	32,108

RESEARCH NOTES

Haines Borough is a small organized borough in Southeast Alaska (~2,600 population). No county-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. Defaults to Alaska state homemade food law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://hainesalaska.gov>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/haines-borough-discuss>

ALASKA: HOONAH-ANGOON CENSUS AREA

CROSODO INDEX #379* · FIPS 02105 · —

Hoonah-Angoon Census Area

Population 2,312 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state level.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES			
Regulation	Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	Haines Borough	Juneau City and Borough
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level; local rules may apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	No	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	State law allows home kitchen production without permit. City and Borough of Juneau may have additional local requirements. State DEC FAQ n...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	2,329	2,079	32,108

RESEARCH NOTES

Hoonah-Angoon Census Area is an unorganized area with no local government structure. No home occupation permit, zoning, or local cottage food rules apply. Entirely governed by state law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/hoonah-angoon-census-area-discuss>

ALASKA: JUNEAU CITY AND BOROUGH

CROSODO INDEX #2621* · FIPS 02110 · —

Juneau City and Borough

Population 31,572 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (State law allows home kitchen production without permit. City and Borough of Juneau may have additional local requirements. State DEC FAQ notes 'these rules do not supersede Municipality of Anchorage or other city ordinances' and advises checking local requirements. Juneau's DEC Environmental Health Officer should be consulted.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state level; local rules may apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (CBJ has zoning code that likely includes home occupation provisions. No specific home occupation permit requirement for cottage food found in available sources. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020. Producers should check with CBJ Community Development.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336. Local CBJ health may have additional inspection authority.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — State law allows home kitchen production without permit. City and Borough of Juneau may have additional local requirements. State DEC FAQ notes 'these rules do not supersede Municipality of Anchorage or other city ordinances' and advises checking local requirements. Juneau's DEC Environmental Health Officer should be consulted.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level; local rules may apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336. Local CBJ health may have additional inspection authority.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — CBJ has zoning code that likely includes home occupation provisions. No specific home occupation permit requirement for cottage food found in available sources. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020. Producers should check with CBJ Community Development.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES

Regulation	Juneau City and Borough	Haines Borough	Hoonah-Angoon Census Area
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state level; local rules may apply.	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	State law allows home kitchen production without permit. City and Borough of Juneau may have additional local requirements. State DEC FAQ n...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	32,108	2,079	2,329

RESEARCH NOTES

Juneau City and Borough is a unified city-borough. State DEC FAQ explicitly warns that city/borough ordinances may add requirements. CBJ has an organized government with planning/zoning capacity. No specific CBJ cottage food or home occupation ordinance was surfaced in research, but given CBJ’s municipal sophistication, producers should verify with CBJ Community Development and Health & Social Services before operating.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://juneau.org/health-and-social-services>

<https://juneau.org/community-development>

<https://juneau.org>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/faq/>

<https://juneau.org/community-development/food-security>

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ALASKA: KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

CROSODO INDEX #1659* · FIPS 02122 · —

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Population 59,235 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (Alaska Food Freedom Act, enacted 2024) ·

MEDIUM**QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Alaska's 2024 Food Freedom Act (HB 251, AS 17.20.332) is one of the most permissive in the nation. Almost any homemade food can be sold including perishable foods. No sales cap. Business license required from AK Dept. of Commerce. Prohibited: homemade dairy, seafood, alcohol, cannabis, game meat.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific pet restriction in state food freedom law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Kenai Peninsula Borough may have home occupation or business activity requirements. Operators should check with the Kenai Peninsula Borough Community Development Department. Note: Municipality of Anchorage (not applicable here) has its own additional rules.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under the 2024 Food Freedom Act.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Alaska's 2024 Food Freedom Act (HB 251, AS 17.20.332) is one of the most permissive in the nation. Almost any homemade food can be sold including perishable foods. No sales cap. Business license required from AK Dept. of Commerce. Prohibited: homemade dairy, seafood, alcohol, cannabis, game meat.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state food freedom law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement beyond general food safety.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under the 2024 Food Freedom Act.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Kenai Peninsula Borough may have home occupation or business activity requirements. Operators should check with the Kenai Peninsula Borough Community Development Department. Note: Municipality of Anchorage (not applicable here) has its own additional rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Very broad under 2024 law: in-person, online direct to consumer, delivery. No third-party online food hub marketplace for perishable foods. Retail store sales allowed for non-perishable foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Kenai Peninsula Borough Code (business and zoning provisions); no specific cottage food borough code identified.

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES

Regulation	Kenai Peninsula Borough	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Anchorage Municipality
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific pet restriction in state food freedom law.	No specific state restriction in the Food Freedom Act.	Children and pets must not be in the kitchen during cottage food preparation (per MOA cottage food license requirements)
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Very broad under 2024 law: in-person, online direct to consumer, delivery. No third-party online food hub marketplace for perishable foods....	Sales permitted in-person, online (direct to consumer), and through retail stores. No annual sales cap. Perishable foods cannot be sold via...	Direct to consumer only; no sales to restaurants, wholesalers, or via internet/ phone/mail within MOA; \$25,000 annual sales cap within MOA
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Alaska’s 2024 Food Freedom Act (HB 251, AS 17.20.332) is one of the most permissive in the nation. Almost any homemade food can be sold inc...	Alaska’s 2024 Food Freedom Act (HB 251) replaced the prior cottage food law. Producers can sell almost any type of homemade food including ...	Home or leased kitchen required; sanitary conditions required; running water and refrigeration required (especially for TCS/PHF foods); no ...
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement beyond general food safety.	Broad range allowed. Prohibited: homemade dairy, seafood, animal fat oil, alcohol, cannabis, game meat. Perishable items cannot be sold via...	Adequate refrigeration required for TCS/PHF foods; sanitary storage for non-PHF foods
POPULATION	59,235	108,661	290,674

RESEARCH NOTES

Alaska's 2024 HB 251 (AS 17.20.332-17.20.338) dramatically expanded cottage food. The old 18 AAC 31.012 rule (limited to \$25,000/yr, nonperishable, no home address required) still technically exists as an alternative for producers who prefer not to disclose their home address. A state business license from AK Dept. of Commerce is required. Kenai Peninsula Borough is a large rural borough in south-central Alaska. Prohibited: homemade dairy products, seafood, oil rendered from animal fat, alcohol, cannabis, and game meat. Perishable foods cannot be sold via third-party online food hub marketplaces.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/>

<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/aac.asp#18.31.012>

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ALASKA: KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH

CROSODO INDEX #2574* · FIPS 02130 · Ketchikan

Ketchikan Gateway Borough

Population 13,677 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **HIGH****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (State allows home kitchen production without permit. Ketchikan Gateway Borough has a zoning code that requires a zoning permit for home occupations in residential zones (KGBC 18.50.020(j)(1)). Home occupation must be clearly secondary to residential use.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific requirement; local home occupation code requires no evidence visible to neighbors.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (KGBC 18.50.020(j)(1) requires a zoning permit for home occupations in residential zones. Must submit floor plan and copy of Alaska Business License. Max 1 non-family employee on-site. Must not exceed 30% of gross floor area or one room. No exterior evidence beyond one sign per Chapter 18.80 KGBC. Restaurants are specifically prohibited as home occupations. Cottage industry (CI) overlay zone available for outlying areas with limited road access.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — State allows home kitchen production without permit. Ketchikan Gateway Borough has a zoning code that requires a zoning permit for home occupations in residential zones (KGBC 18.50.020(j)(1)). Home occupation must be clearly secondary to residential use.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific requirement; local home occupation code requires no evidence visible to neighbors.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement found.
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement found.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated locally for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — KGBC 18.50.020(j)(1) requires a zoning permit for home occupations in residential zones. Must submit floor plan and copy of Alaska Business License. Max 1 non-family employee on-site. Must not exceed 30% of gross floor area or one room. No exterior evidence beyond one sign per Chapter 18.80 KGBC. Restaurants are specifically prohibited as home occupations. Cottage industry (CI) overlay zone available for outlying areas with limited road access.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	1 non-family employee on-site (KGBC 18.50.020(j)(1)(d)(1))

Relevant county code

KGBC 18.50.020(j)(1); KGBC 18.40.020 (Cottage Industry overlay); AS 17.20.332

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES

Regulation	Ketchikan Gateway Borough	Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area	Wrangell City and Borough
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific requirement; local home occupation code requires no evidence visible to neighbors.	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	No	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	No	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	No	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	State allows home kitchen production without permit. Ketchikan Gateway Borough has a zoning code that requires a zoning permit for home occ...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	State allows home kitchen production without permit. City and Borough of Wrangell is a unified municipality (~2,400 population). Local ordi...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated locally for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	13,910	5,799	2,134

RESEARCH NOTES

Ketchikan Gateway Borough has a detailed zoning code with specific home occupation standards (KGBC 18.50.020(j)(1)). Key findings: zoning permit required, must submit floor plan and AK business license, max 1 non-resident employee, max 30% floor area or one room, no exterior evidence beyond one sign. Cottage Industry (CI) overlay zone available for outlying areas. Restaurants specifically prohibited as home occupations (cottage food baked goods/jams should qualify but producers should verify with borough planning). Note: KGBC code is online at ketchikangateway.borough.codes.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.kgbak.us/planning>

<https://www.kgbak.us>

[https://ketchikangateway.borough.codes/KGBC/18.50.020\(h\)\(1\)](https://ketchikangateway.borough.codes/KGBC/18.50.020(h)(1))

<https://ketchikangateway.borough.codes/KGBC/18.40.020>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

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ALASKA: KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH

CROSODO INDEX #2573* · FIPS 02150 · Kodiak

Kodiak Island BoroughPopulation 12,654 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **HIGH****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (State allows home kitchen production without permit. Kodiak Island Borough zoning code permits home occupations in single-family residential districts (KIBC 17.75.020). Home occupation must remain accessory and secondary to residential use, not changing residential character.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No Borough-specific requirement for cottage food. Home occupation must not create safety hazards (KIBC 17.25.090(F)).

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (KIBC 17.25.090 defines home occupation requirements: must be contained entirely within residential building, max 25% of floor area (excluding basement/garage), max 1 non-resident employee at a time (additional parking space required if non-resident employed), no exterior visible evidence except one non-illuminated sign not exceeding 6 sq ft, no noise/fumes/odors detectable off-lot, deliveries only 8am-8pm and not parked >2 hours. Zoning compliance permit likely required per KIBC 17.15.060 for change of use.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — State allows home kitchen production without permit. Kodiak Island Borough zoning code permits home occupations in single-family residential districts (KIBC 17.75.020). Home occupation must remain accessory and secondary to residential use, not changing residential character.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No Borough-specific requirement for cottage food. Home occupation must not create safety hazards (KIBC 17.25.090(F)).
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement found.
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement found.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated locally for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — KIBC 17.25.090 defines home occupation requirements: must be contained entirely within residential building, max 25% of floor area (excluding basement/garage), max 1 non-resident employee at a time (additional parking space required if non-resident employed), no exterior visible evidence except one non-illuminated sign not exceeding 6 sq ft, no noise/fumes/odors detectable off-lot, deliveries only 8am-8pm and not parked >2 hours. Zoning compliance permit likely required per KIBC 17.15.060 for change of use.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce. Deliveries to premises allowed only 8am-8pm.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	1 non-resident employee at a time (KIBC 17.25.090(A))

Relevant county code

KIBC 17.75.020; KIBC 17.25.090; KIBC 17.15.060; AS 17.20.332

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES

Regulation	Kodiak Island Borough	Lake and Peninsula Borough	Kenai Peninsula Borough
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No Borough-specific requirement for cottage food. Home occupation must not create safety hazards (KIBC 17.25.090(F)).	Not specified at state level.	No specific pet restriction in state food freedom law.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce. Deliveri...	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Very broad under 2024 law: in-person, online direct to consumer, delivery. No third-party online food hub marketplace for perishable foods....
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	No	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	State allows home kitchen production without permit. Kodiak Island Borough zoning code permits home occupations in single-family residential...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Alaska's 2024 Food Freedom Act (HB 251, AS 17.20.332) is one of the most permissive in the nation. Almost any homemade food can be sold inc...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated locally for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	No specific state cottage food storage requirement beyond general food safety.
POPULATION	13,065	999	59,235

RESEARCH NOTES

Kodiak Island Borough has detailed zoning code accessible at kodiakisland.borough.codes. Home occupations are permitted uses in R1 (single-family residential) zones. Key standards: max 25% floor area, 1 non-resident employee, one sign max 6 sq ft (non-illuminated), no off-lot detectable noise/odors, delivery hours 8am-8pm. Cottage food operations qualifying as home occupations should be permitted. Zoning compliance permit likely required per KIBC 17.15.060 for initial establishment.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.kodiakak.us/government/departments/community-development>

<https://www.kodiakak.us>

<https://kodiakisland.borough.codes/KIBC/17.25.090>

<https://kodiakisland.borough.codes/KIBC/17.75.020>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

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ALASKA: LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH

CROSODO INDEX #1577* · FIPS 02164 · —

Lake and Peninsula Borough

Population 1,315 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Very remote borough; no local overrides found.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state level.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Lake and Peninsula Borough is very remote and sparsely populated. No home occupation or cottage food ordinances found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Very remote borough; no local overrides found.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Lake and Peninsula Borough is very remote and sparsely populated. No home occupation or cottage food ordinances found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES			
Regulation	Lake and Peninsula Borough	Aleutians East Borough	Bethel Census Area
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level; best practice is no pets in kitchen during production.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods (no temp control needed) allowed from home kitchen. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold di...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food operations.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	999	3,407	18,538

RESEARCH NOTES

Lake and Peninsula Borough is extremely remote with very small, dispersed population. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. Defaults to Alaska state homemade food law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.lakeandpen.com>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

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ALASKA: MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

CROSODO INDEX #1215* · FIPS 02170 · Palmer

Matanuska-Susitna BoroughPopulation 108,661 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Alaska's 2024 Food Freedom Act (HB 251) replaced the prior cottage food law. Producers can sell almost any type of homemade food including perishable foods, eggs, kombucha, fermented foods. No annual sales cap. Indirect sales to retail stores allowed. A business license from the Alaska Dept. of Commerce is required. Prohibited: homemade dairy products (milk, ice cream, cheese, butter), seafood, oil rendered from animal fat, alcohol, cannabis, game meat. Perishable foods cannot be sold via third-party online food hub marketplaces.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction in the Food Freedom Act.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Matanuska-Susitna Borough may have home occupation zoning requirements. The borough is largely rural and unincorporated areas may have minimal zoning. Incorporated areas (Palmer, Wasilla) would have municipal zoning rules. Alaska state business license required from the Alaska Dept. of Commerce.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections under the 2024 Food Freedom Act.)

Home kitchen rules**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

Yes — Alaska's 2024 Food Freedom Act (HB 251) replaced the prior cottage food law. Producers can sell almost any type of homemade food including perishable foods, eggs, kombucha, fermented foods. No annual sales cap. Indirect sales to retail stores allowed. A business license from the Alaska Dept. of Commerce is required. Prohibited: homemade dairy products (milk, ice cream, cheese, butter), seafood, oil rendered from animal fat, alcohol, cannabis, game meat. Perishable foods cannot be sold via third-party online food hub marketplaces.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific state restriction in the Food Freedom Act.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific state requirement for cottage food operations under the 2024 law.

HANDWASHING

Standard food safety practices required.

FOOD STORAGE

Broad range allowed. Prohibited: homemade dairy, seafood, animal fat oil, alcohol, cannabis, game meat. Perishable items cannot be sold via third-party online food hub marketplaces.

Inspection & permitting**INSPECTION REQUIRED**

No — No routine inspections under the 2024 Food Freedom Act.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Conditional — Matanuska-Susitna Borough may have home occupation zoning requirements. The borough is largely rural and unincorporated areas may have minimal zoning. Incorporated areas (Palmer, Wasilla) would have municipal zoning rules. Alaska state business license required from the Alaska Dept. of Commerce.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales permitted in-person, online (direct to consumer), and through retail stores. No annual sales cap. Perishable foods cannot be sold via third-party online food hub marketplaces (direct online sales allowed).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Matanuska-Susitna Borough code section identified for cottage food. State law governs: AS 17.20.332.

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES

Regulation	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Kenai Peninsula Borough	Anchorage Municipality
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction in the Food Freedom Act.	No specific pet restriction in state food freedom law.	Children and pets must not be in the kitchen during cottage food preparation (per MOA cottage food license requirements)
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales permitted in-person, online (direct to consumer), and through retail stores. No annual sales cap. Perishable foods cannot be sold via...	Very broad under 2024 law: in-person, online direct to consumer, delivery. No third-party online food hub marketplace for perishable foods....	Direct to consumer only; no sales to restaurants, wholesalers, or via internet/ phone/mail within MOA; \$25,000 annual sales cap within MOA
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Alaska’s 2024 Food Freedom Act (HB 251) replaced the prior cottage food law. Producers can sell almost any type of homemade food including ...	Alaska’s 2024 Food Freedom Act (HB 251, AS 17.20.332) is one of the most permissive in the nation. Almost any homemade food can be sold inc...	Home or leased kitchen required; sanitary conditions required; running water and refrigeration required (especially for TCS/PHF foods); no ...
FOOD STORAGE	Broad range allowed. Prohibited: homemade dairy, seafood, animal fat oil, alcohol, cannabis, game meat. Perishable items cannot be sold via...	No specific state cottage food storage requirement beyond general food safety.	Adequate refrigeration required for TCS/PHF foods; sanitary storage for non-PHF foods
POPULATION	108,661	59,235	290,674

RESEARCH NOTES

Mat-Su Borough has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Alaska's 2024 HB 251 (AS 17.20.332) is now one of the most permissive cottage food frameworks nationally. The old 18 AAC 31.012 rule still technically exists as an alternative option for producers who don't want to disclose their home address (limited to \$25,000/yr, nonperishable). Mat-Su Borough is the second-most-populous borough in Alaska. No borough-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/food/cottage-food-exemption/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/matanuska-susitna-borough-discuss>

ALASKA: NOME CENSUS AREA

CROSODO INDEX #383* · FIPS 02180 · —

Nome Census Area

Population 9,836 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state level.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES

Regulation	Nome Census Area	Northwest Arctic Borough	Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state or borough level for cottage food.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	Upon-complaint	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Conditional	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	Varies	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	Varies	No
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	State allows home kitchen production without permit. Northwest Arctic Borough (NAB) has organized government. NAB Planning Department admin...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated locally for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	10,018	7,682	5,355

RESEARCH NOTES

Nome Census Area is an unorganized area with no local government structure. No home occupation permit, zoning, or local cottage food rules apply. Entirely governed by state law. Note: City of Nome within this census area may have its own rules for residents within city limits.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/nome-census-area-discuss>

ALASKA: NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH

CROSODO INDEX #2609* · FIPS 02185 · Utqiagvik

North Slope Borough

Population 10,663 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (State allows home kitchen production without permit. North Slope Borough has organized government with planning and zoning department. NSB administers land use under Title 8 of NAB Code equivalent; Utqiagvik Zoning Commission is active.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state or borough level for cottage food.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (North Slope Borough has organized government with Planning and Community Services Department (907-852-0320). Borough has land use permitting under NSB code. Village District Residential Permit (Form 700) required for residential development in Utqiagvik. No specific home occupation ordinance text found but producers should check with NSB Planning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — State allows home kitchen production without permit. North Slope Borough has organized government with planning and zoning department. NSB administers land use under Title 8 of NAB Code equivalent; Utqiagvik Zoning Commission is active.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state or borough level for cottage food.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement found.
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement found.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated locally for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — North Slope Borough has organized government with Planning and Community Services Department (907-852-0320). Borough has land use permitting under NSB code. Village District Residential Permit (Form 700) required for residential development in Utqiagvik. No specific home occupation ordinance text found but producers should check with NSB Planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not found in available NSB code.

Relevant county code

NSB Title 8 (land use); AS 17.20.332

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES

Regulation	North Slope Borough	Northwest Arctic Borough	Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state or borough level for cottage food.	Not specified at state or borough level for cottage food.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	No
RESTRICTIONS	State allows home kitchen production without permit. North Slope Borough has organized government with planning and zoning department. NSB ...	State allows home kitchen production without permit. Northwest Arctic Borough (NAB) has organized government. NAB Planning Department admin...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated locally for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated locally for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	10,924	7,682	5,355

RESEARCH NOTES

North Slope Borough has organized government including Planning and Community Services and a Utqiagvik Zoning Commission. The NSB code is on Municode but specific home occupation provisions were not found in research. Given NSB is organized and has active zoning, producers should contact NSB Planning (907-852-0320, NSBPermitSubmittal@north-slope.org) before operating.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.north-slope.org/departments/planning-community-services/>

<https://www.north-slope.org>

<https://www.north-slope.org/departments/planning-community-services/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/north-slope-borough-discuss>

ALASKA: NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH

CROSODO INDEX #2604* · FIPS 02188 · Kotzebue

Northwest Arctic BoroughPopulation 7,134 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (State allows home kitchen production without permit. Northwest Arctic Borough (NAB) has organized government. NAB Planning Department administers land use under Title 8 of NABC (except City of Kotzebue). Protection of subsistence resources is highest priority.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state or borough level for cottage food.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (NAB Planning Department (163 Lagoon Street, Kotzebue, 907-442-2500) administers zoning under Title 8 NABC. No specific home occupation ordinance text found but borough has active planning function. Title 9 permits for development (mining, utilities, etc.); residential uses under Title 8. Note: City of Kotzebue has its own planning authority outside NAB jurisdiction.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — State allows home kitchen production without permit. Northwest Arctic Borough (NAB) has organized government. NAB Planning Department administers land use under Title 8 of NABC (except City of Kotzebue). Protection of subsistence resources is highest priority.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state or borough level for cottage food.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement found.
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement found.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated locally for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — NAB Planning Department (163 Lagoon Street, Kotzebue, 907-442-2500) administers zoning under Title 8 NABC. No specific home occupation ordinance text found but borough has active planning function. Title 9 permits for development (mining, utilities, etc.); residential uses under Title 8. Note: City of Kotzebue has its own planning authority outside NAB jurisdiction.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not found in available NAB code.

Relevant county code

NABC Title 8; AS 17.20.332

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES

Regulation	Northwest Arctic Borough	Nome Census Area	North Slope Borough
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state or borough level for cottage food.	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state or borough level for cottage food.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	No	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	No	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	No	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	State allows home kitchen production without permit. Northwest Arctic Borough (NAB) has organized government. NAB Planning Department admin...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	State allows home kitchen production without permit. North Slope Borough has organized government with planning and zoning department. NSB ...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated locally for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated locally for cottage food.
POPULATION	7,682	10,018	10,924

RESEARCH NOTES

Northwest Arctic Borough has organized government with active Planning Department. NAB administers zoning under Title 8 NABC for unincorporated areas (City of Kotzebue has separate jurisdiction). No specific home occupation or cottage food ordinance text surfaced. Producers in unincorporated NAB should contact NAB Planning (907-442-2500) before operating.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.nwabor.org/departments/planning/>

<https://www.nwabor.org>

<https://www.nwabor.org/departments/planning/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/northwest-arctic-borough-discuss>

ALASKA: PETERSBURG CENSUS AREA

CROSODO INDEX #2617* · FIPS 02195 · —

Petersburg Census AreaPopulation 3,436 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Note: Petersburg became Petersburg Borough (unified city-borough) in 2013; may have organized government with local rules.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state level.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Petersburg is now an organized borough (Petersburg Borough formed 2013). No specific home occupation or cottage food ordinances found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Note: Petersburg became Petersburg Borough (unified city-borough) in 2013; may have organized government with local rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Petersburg is now an organized borough (Petersburg Borough formed 2013). No specific home occupation or cottage food ordinances found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES

Regulation	Petersburg Census Area	Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	No	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	3,374	2,329	5,799

RESEARCH NOTES

FIPS 02195 was Petersburg Census Area; Petersburg Borough was formed in 2013 incorporating the old city. Now has organized borough government. No specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. Defaults to state law. Producers should check with Petersburg Borough for local requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.petersburgak.gov>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/petersburg-census-area-discuss>

ALASKA: PRINCE OF WALES-HYDER CENSUS AREA

CROSODO INDEX #347* · FIPS 02198 · —

Prince of Wales-Hyder Census AreaPopulation 5,746 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state level.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES			
Regulation	Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area	Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	Ketchikan Gateway Borough
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.	No specific requirement; local home occupation code requires no evidence visible to neighbors.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	No	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	No	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	State allows home kitchen production without permit. Ketchikan Gateway Borough has a zoning code that requires a zoning permit for home occ...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated locally for cottage food.
POPULATION	5,799	2,329	13,910

RESEARCH NOTES

Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area is an unorganized area in Southeast Alaska with no local government structure. No home occupation permit, zoning, or local cottage food rules apply. Entirely governed by state law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/prince-of-wales-hyder-census-area-discuss>

ALASKA: SITKA CITY AND BOROUGH

CROSODO INDEX #2602* · FIPS 02220 · Sitka

Sitka City and BoroughPopulation 8,355 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (State allows home kitchen production without permit. City and Borough of Sitka is a unified municipality with organized government and zoning. Local ordinances may add requirements. Producers should verify with Sitka Community Development.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state level; local rules may apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Sitka is a unified city-borough with organized government and zoning. No specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance text found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020. Producers should check with Sitka Community Development Department.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — State allows home kitchen production without permit. City and Borough of Sitka is a unified municipality with organized government and zoning. Local ordinances may add requirements. Producers should verify with Sitka Community Development.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level; local rules may apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement found.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Sitka is a unified city-borough with organized government and zoning. No specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance text found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020. Producers should check with Sitka Community Development Department.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not found in available sources.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES			
Regulation	Sitka City and Borough	Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state level; local rules may apply.	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	No	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	State allows home kitchen production without permit. City and Borough of Sitka is a unified municipality with organized government and zoni...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	8,462	2,329	5,799

RESEARCH NOTES

City and Borough of Sitka is a unified municipality (~8,900 population) in Southeast Alaska. Has organized government with Community Development Department. No specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance text surfaced. State DEC FAQ warns that city ordinances may add requirements. Producers should verify with Sitka before operating.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.cityofsitka.com/government/departments/commdev/>

<https://www.cityofsitka.com>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/sitka-city-and-borough-discuss>

ALASKA: SKAGWAY MUNICIPALITY

CROSODO INDEX #2592* · FIPS 02230 · —

Skagway MunicipalityPopulation 1,119 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (State allows home kitchen production without permit. Municipality of Skagway has organized government (very small ~1,200 population). Local ordinances may add requirements. Producers should verify with Skagway municipality.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state level.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Skagway is an organized municipality. No specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance text found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — State allows home kitchen production without permit. Municipality of Skagway has organized government (very small ~1,200 population). Local ordinances may add requirements. Producers should verify with Skagway municipality.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement found.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Skagway is an organized municipality. No specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance text found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not found in available sources.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES			
Regulation	Skagway Municipality	Haines Borough	Aleutians East Borough
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level; best practice is no pets in kitchen during production.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	State allows home kitchen production without permit. Municipality of Skagway has organized government (very small ~1,200 population). Local...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods (no temp control needed) allowed from home kitchen. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold di...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food operations.
POPULATION	1,303	2,079	3,407

RESEARCH NOTES

Municipality of Skagway is very small (~1,200) but organized. No specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance text found. Defaults to state law. Producers should verify with Skagway municipality before operating.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.skagway.gov>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/skagway-municipality-discuss>

ALASKA: SOUTHEAST FAIRBANKS CENSUS AREA

CROSODO INDEX #386* · FIPS 02240 · —

Southeast Fairbanks Census AreaPopulation 7,313 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state level.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES			
Regulation	Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	Denali Borough	Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	Varies	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	6,888	2,101	5,355

RESEARCH NOTES

Southeast Fairbanks Census Area is an unorganized area with no local government structure. No home occupation permit, zoning, or local cottage food rules apply. Entirely governed by state law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/southeast-fairbanks-census-area-discuss>

ALASKA: VALDEZ-CORDOVA CENSUS AREA

CROSODO INDEX #388* · FIPS 02261 · —

Valdez-Cordova Census Area

Population — · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census area; no organized borough government. Cities of Valdez and Cordova within this area may have their own rules.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state level.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances for unincorporated areas. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020. Residents in City of Valdez or City of Cordova should check those cities' regulations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census area; no organized borough government. Cities of Valdez and Cordova within this area may have their own rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances for unincorporated areas. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020. Residents in City of Valdez or City of Cordova should check those cities' regulations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES			
Regulation	Valdez-Cordova Census Area	Aleutians East Borough	Aleutians West Census Area
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level; best practice is no pets in kitchen during production.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	Varies	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods (no temp control needed) allowed from home kitchen. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold di...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food operations.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	—	3,407	5,219

RESEARCH NOTES

Valdez-Cordova Census Area is an unorganized area. The incorporated cities of Valdez and Cordova within this area have their own municipal governments that may have additional requirements. For unincorporated areas, state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/valdez-cordova-census-area-discuss>

ALASKA: WADE HAMPTON CENSUS AREA

CROSODO INDEX #391* · FIPS 02270 · —

Wade Hampton Census Area

Population — · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state level.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020. Note: This area is now part of Kusilvak Census Area (renamed 2015) but FIPS 02270 still used.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020. Note: This area is now part of Kusilvak Census Area (renamed 2015) but FIPS 02270 still used.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES			
Regulation	Wade Hampton Census Area	Aleutians East Borough	Aleutians West Census Area
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level; best practice is no pets in kitchen during production.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	Varies	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods (no temp control needed) allowed from home kitchen. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold di...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food operations.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	—	3,407	5,219

RESEARCH NOTES

Wade Hampton Census Area (now Kusilvak Census Area, renamed 2015) is an unorganized area in western Alaska (YK Delta region). No local government structure. No home occupation permit, zoning, or local cottage food rules apply. Entirely governed by state law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/wade-hampton-census-area-discuss>

ALASKA: WRANGELL CITY AND BOROUGH

CROSODO INDEX #2620* · FIPS 02275 · —

Wrangell City and Borough

Population 2,064 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (State allows home kitchen production without permit. City and Borough of Wrangell is a unified municipality (~2,400 population). Local ordinances may add requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state level.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Wrangell is a unified city-borough. No specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance text found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — State allows home kitchen production without permit. City and Borough of Wrangell is a unified municipality (~2,400 population). Local ordinances may add requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement found.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Wrangell is a unified city-borough. No specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance text found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not found in available sources.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES			
Regulation	Wrangell City and Borough	Ketchikan Gateway Borough	Petersburg Census Area
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state level.	No specific requirement; local home occupation code requires no evidence visible to neighbors.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Yes	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Yes	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	State allows home kitchen production without permit. City and Borough of Wrangell is a unified municipality (~2,400 population). Local ordi...	State allows home kitchen production without permit. Ketchikan Gateway Borough has a zoning code that requires a zoning permit for home occ...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated locally for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	2,134	13,910	3,374

RESEARCH NOTES

City and Borough of Wrangell is a unified municipality in Southeast Alaska. No specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance text found. Defaults to state law. Producers should verify with Wrangell before operating.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.wrangell.com>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/wrangell-city-and-borough-discuss>

ALASKA: YAKUTAT CITY AND BOROUGH

CROSODO INDEX #2548* · FIPS 02282 · —

Yakutat City and Borough

Population 690 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (State allows home kitchen production without permit. City and Borough of Yakutat is a unified municipality (~600 population, very small). Local ordinances may add requirements but given small size, minimal local regulatory capacity expected.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state level.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Yakutat is a very small unified city-borough. No specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance text found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — State allows home kitchen production without permit. City and Borough of Yakutat is a unified municipality (~600 population, very small). Local ordinances may add requirements but given small size, minimal local regulatory capacity expected.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement found.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Yakutat is a very small unified city-borough. No specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance text found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not found in available sources.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES			
Regulation	Yakutat City and Borough	Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	Aleutians East Borough
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level; best practice is no pets in kitchen during production.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	No	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	State allows home kitchen production without permit. City and Borough of Yakutat is a unified municipality (~600 population, very small). L...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods (no temp control needed) allowed from home kitchen. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold di...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food operations.
POPULATION	564	2,329	3,407

RESEARCH NOTES

City and Borough of Yakutat is one of the smallest organized municipalities in Alaska (~600 population). No specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance text found. Practically governed by state law. No active government website found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/yakutat-city-and-borough-discuss>

ALASKA: YUKON-KOYUKUK CENSUS AREA

CROSODO INDEX #370* · FIPS 02290 · —

Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area

Population 5,099 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government. Largest census area in the US by area; extremely rural.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state level.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government. Largest census area in the US by area; extremely rural.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

QUICK COMPARISON – BORDERING COUNTIES			
Regulation	Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	Bethel Census Area	Denali Borough
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	No	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	5,355	18,538	2,101

RESEARCH NOTES

Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area is the largest census area in the US by land area and is entirely unorganized. No local government structure. No home occupation permit, zoning, or local cottage food rules apply. Entirely governed by state law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/alaska/yukon-koyukuk-census-area-discuss>

Crosodo Index methodology: The Crosodo Index is our internal 1–N ranking of U.S. counties by how friendly the combined state + county rules are for home-based cottage food bakers. Score components (higher = better): home kitchen allowed (30/15/5), no dedicated kitchen required (25), pets allowed (15), no home occupation permit (15), on-site pickup allowed (10), no inspection (10), no local business license (5), high data confidence (5), plus state tier bonus (Freedom +20, Great +15, Good +10, Okay +5). Data drawn from county zoning codes, health department rules, and state cottage food statutes (primarily the county_cottage_food_zoning research set and state statutes CSV, last verified ~2026). Ranks are global across ~3,000 counties. Counties with sparse or missing data receive lower/default scores. This is a research and prioritization tool only — always verify current rules directly with your state department of agriculture/health and your county planning & health offices. The original U.S. Census population rank is retained in source data for reference but is no longer used for primary display or sorting in Crosodo materials.

Questions?

Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss Alaska cottage food rules, county zoning overlays, and what other home bakers are seeing in your area.

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