

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Anchorage Municipality

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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

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Okay	—	HIGH	2026-05-05

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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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.

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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

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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

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>

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Bordering counties — cottage food law

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

State context — Alaska cottage food law

Anchorage Municipality's rules sit on top of Alaska's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
AS 17.20.332	—
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
Yes	No
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	No
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.	

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Alaska cottage food law report](#).

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

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

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

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

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