

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Denali Borough

Alaska · — · FIPS 02068 · Population 1,621 · Crosodo Index #1652*

STATE BASELINE

AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law)

STATE TIER

Okay

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-06

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.

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Population 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

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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

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>

Bordering counties — cottage food law

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

State context — Alaska cottage food law

Denali Borough'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/>

Questions?

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