

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Dillingham Census Area

Alaska · — · FIPS 02070 · Population 4,642 · Crosodo Index #377\*

## 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.

## ALASKA: DILLINGHAM CENSUS AREA

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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**

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>       | 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. |
| <b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b> | No   |
| <b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>           | Not specified at state level.  |
| <b>WATER SUPPLY</b>               | No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.   |
| <b>HANDWASHING</b>                | Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.  |
| <b>FOOD STORAGE</b>               | Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.  |

**Inspection & permitting**

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|-------------------------------|---|
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| <b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b> | 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. |
| <b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b> | No  |

**Customer-facing rules**

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

## Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

### 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.

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### 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>

## State context — Alaska cottage food law

Dillingham Census Area'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.

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| 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. |                   |

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

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### 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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## Questions?

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