

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Nome Census Area

Alaska · — · FIPS 02180 · Population 9,836 · Crosodo Index #383\*

## 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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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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<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**

<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**

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>

## State context — Alaska cottage food law

Nome 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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