

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Gilpin County

Colorado · Central City · FIPS 08047 · Population 5,963 ·  
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## STATE BASELINE

C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; [cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods](https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods)

## STATE TIER

**Great**

## ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

**Tiered (see notes)**

## 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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## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

True

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

False

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Gilpin County mountain communities (Central City, Black Hawk) are dominated by gaming industry. Most residential population is in Nederland area (Boulder County border). Producers should verify with Gilpin County Planning whether a home occupation permit is needed.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

True

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

## Home kitchen rules

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

True

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN**

False

**PET RESTRICTIONS**

No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

**WATER SUPPLY**

Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality; mountain county

**HANDWASHING**

Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements

**FOOD STORAGE**

Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

## Inspection & permitting

**INSPECTION REQUIRED**

False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT**

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**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE**

Possibly; Central City and Black Hawk are home rule cities that may require business licenses; confirm with respective city

## Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP**

True

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE**

Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES**

Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME**

Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

### Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act); Gilpin County Land Use Regulations

#### RESEARCH NOTES

No Gilpin County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Small mountain county west of Denver; dominated by casino gaming in Central City and Black Hawk. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. \$10,000 annual cap per product type.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.gilpincounty.org/public-health>

<https://www.gilpincounty.org/planning>

<https://www.gilpincounty.org>

<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods>

<https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf>

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

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Gilpin County	Clear Creek County	Grand County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	<b>True</b>	True	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	<b>False</b>	False	False
PETS ALLOWED	<b>No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production</b>	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	<b>False</b>	False	False
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	<b>True</b>	True	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	<b>Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage</b>	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP	<b>Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores</b>	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	<b>Possibly</b>	Possibly	Possibly
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	<b>Possibly; Central City and Black Hawk are home rule cities that may require business licenses; confirm with respective city</b>	Possibly; City of Idaho Springs and Town of Georgetown may require local business licenses; confirm with respective municipality	Possibly; Town of Winter Park, Town of Granby may require town business licenses for operations within town limits; confirm with respective...
RESTRICTIONS	—	—	—
FOOD STORAGE	<b>Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)</b>	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)
POPULATION	<b>5,856</b>	9,403	15,724

## State context — Colorado cottage food law

Gilpin County’s rules sit on top of Colorado’s state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

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<b>STATUTE</b> C.R.S. §25-4-1614	<b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b> Tiered (see notes)
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b> Yes	<b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b> Yes (specific course)
<b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b> Upon-complaint	<b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b> Yes
<b>INDIRECT SALES</b> No — Products cannot be resold; producers must sell directly to consumers but may designate a representative to sell on their behalf. Sales through restaurants or retail stores are not permitted, though the health department may allow direct sales at those locations on a case-by-case basis.	

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

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: [https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2022a\\_158\\_signed.pdf](https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2022a_158_signed.pdf)

State dept cottage food page: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods>

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

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