

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Summit County

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## STATE BASELINE

C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great

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Great

## ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

Tiered (see notes)

## CONFIDENCE

HIGH

## LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-06

**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?**

True

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

False

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (unincorporated Summit County); separate rules for Breckenridge and other towns (Summit County Land Use and Development Code (Chapter 3 Zoning) governs home occupations in unincorporated areas. Town of Breckenridge Policy 38 (Absolute) §9-1-19-38A allows home occupations in residential districts: max 25% of main floor or 500 sq ft in garage/accessory structure, max 2 family members, no external window displays, valid town business license required. Cottage foods sold on-site (produced on-site) would qualify. Customer vehicles limited to 2 at a time in Breckenridge.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

True

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

Upon-complaint only (CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

## Home kitchen rules

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED** True

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN** False

**PET RESTRICTIONS** No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies

**WATER SUPPLY** No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food

**HANDWASHING** Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance

**FOOD STORAGE** Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

## Inspection & permitting

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**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE** Yes (Town of Breckenridge requires business license); unincorporated county verify separately

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No window display or outside samples allowed (Breckenridge); state disclaimer placard required
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only); max 2 customer vehicles at a time (Breckenridge)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Max 2 immediate family members residing in dwelling (Breckenridge rule); state law: sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners

### Relevant county code

Summit County Land Use and Development Code Ch. 3; Town of Breckenridge Land Use Code §9-1-19-38A

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Town of Breckenridge home occupation code (§9-1-19-38A, amended 2019) retrieved directly: max 25% floor area or 500 sq ft, 2 family members, business license required, no signs/window display, max 2 customer vehicles. Summit County unincorporated areas governed by LUDC Ch.3 (contact planning at 970-668-4200). Other towns in Summit County (Dillon, Silverthorne, Frisco, Keystone) have separate municipal codes.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

[https://www.summitcountyco.gov/services/public\\_health](https://www.summitcountyco.gov/services/public_health)

[https://www.summitcountyco.gov/services/community\\_development/planning](https://www.summitcountyco.gov/services/community_development/planning)

<https://www.summitcountyco.gov>

<https://breckenridge.town.codes/Code/9-1-19-38A>

[https://www.summitcountyco.gov/services/community\\_development/planning/development\\_regulations/land\\_use\\_development\\_code.php](https://www.summitcountyco.gov/services/community_development/planning/development_regulations/land_use_development_code.php)

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

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

## State context — Colorado cottage food law

Summit 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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<p><b>STATUTE</b> C.R.S. §25-4-1614</p> <p><b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b> Yes</p> <p><b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b> Upon-complaint</p> <p><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.</p>	<p><b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b> Tiered (see notes)</p> <p><b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b> Yes (specific course)</p> <p><b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b> Yes</p>
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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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