

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Walker County

Georgia · LaFayette · FIPS 13295 · Population 68,065 ·
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STATE BASELINE

O.C.G.A. §26-2-470 et seq. (eff. July 2025); prior: GA R&R 40-7-19

STATE TIER

Okay

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-05

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?

Yes (Food handler certification (specific course) required. No sales cap. No registration required. Inspection upon complaint. Indirect sales allowed. Non-TCS foods. New statutory framework effective July 2025.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state law

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No county govt URL provided. Walker County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of LaFayette has its own zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Consumer complaint or foodborne illness investigation)

Home kitchen rules

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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED | Yes — Food handler certification (specific course) required. No sales cap. No registration required. Inspection upon complaint. Indirect sales allowed. Non-TCS foods. New statutory framework effective July 2025. |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | Not specified in state law |
| WATER SUPPLY | Standard residential water supply |
| HANDWASHING | Required as part of food handler certification |
| FOOD STORAGE | Appropriate storage for non-TCS products |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | Upon-complaint — Consumer complaint or foodborne illness investigation |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | Varies — No county govt URL provided. Walker County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of LaFayette has its own zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | Varies |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | Conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct and indirect sales allowed; delivery by producer permitted |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified |

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Georgia Okay-tier state. Walker County is in NW Georgia near Chattanooga TN border. New statutory framework effective July 2025. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://agr.georgia.gov/cottage-food-program>

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

State context — Georgia cottage food law

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

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| STATUTE O.C.G.A. §26-2-470 et seq. (eff. July 2025); prior: GA R&R 40-7-19 | ANNUAL SALES CAP — |
| REGISTRATION REQUIRED No | FOOD HANDLER CERT Yes (specific course) |
| KITCHEN INSPECTION Upon-complaint | DIRECT SALES ONLY No |
| INDIRECT SALES Yes — As of July 1, 2025 (HB 398), Georgia allows wholesale, online, retail store, restaurant, and mail-order sales; third-party sellers must display cottage food products separately and label the section as products from residential kitchens exempt from state inspection. | |

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://law.justia.com/codes/georgia/2020/title-26/chapter-2/>

State dept cottage food page: <https://agr.georgia.gov/cottage-food-program>

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

Questions?

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