COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Orleans Parish

Louisiana · New Orleans · FIPS 22071 · Population 380,408 · Crosodo Index #2646*

STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
La. R.S. §40:4.9	Okay	100000	MEDIUM	2026-10-06

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.

How to start — 60-second path

Orleans Parish, Louisiana — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?	STATE SALES CAP
Conditional	100000
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?	ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional	Yes
INSPECTION	PETS
No	Pets excluded from bakery area during production of breads, cakes, cookies, and pies.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- [ ] **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Louisiana cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- [ ] **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- [ ] **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- [ ] **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- [ ] **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- [ ] **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- [ ] Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- [ ] Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- [ ] Louisiana home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

Open the live county page →

Louisiana label one-pager →

Print labels for your first market →

Local notes & questions →

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Conditional (Louisiana allows low-risk foods prepared at home for sale under La. R.S. §40:4.9. No state permit required. Annual gross sales cap $30,000. Allowed foods: baked goods, candies, cane syrup, dried mixes, honey, jams/jellies/preserves, pickles/acidified foods, sauces, syrups, spices. No animal muscle protein or fish protein. For breads/cakes/cookies/pies: no employees may assist; pets excluded from bakery area; refrigeration at 45°F or below; custard/cream-filled items must use pasteurized dairy. Orleans Parish/New Orleans requires local sales tax certificate and home occupation compliance.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Pets excluded from bakery area during production of breads, cakes, cookies, and pies.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Conditional (City of New Orleans has home occupation provisions and requires compliance with New Orleans City Code/zoning for home-based businesses. Orleans Parish also requires local sales tax certificate from the parish sales tax collector before selling. Contact: nola.gov.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
No (No routine inspection required under state cottage food statute.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets excluded from bakery area during production of breads, cakes, cookies, and pies.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices required.
FOOD STORAGE	Perishable ingredients refrigerated at 45°F or below. Non-TCS finished products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under state cottage food statute.
LOCAL HEALTH / COUNTY REGISTRATION	No
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — City of New Orleans has home occupation provisions and requires compliance with New Orleans City Code/zoning for home-based businesses. Orleans Parish also requires local sales tax certificate from the parish sales tax collector before selling. Contact: nola.gov.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales. Most low-risk foods (except baked goods) may also be sold indirectly. Baked goods (breads/cakes/cookies/pies) are direct-to-consumer only. Local sales tax certificate from Orleans Parish required before selling.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No employees allowed to assist in production of breads, cakes, cookies, or pies.

Relevant county code

La. R.S. §40:4.9 (state cottage food law); Orleans Parish/New Orleans City Code re: home occupations.

RESEARCH NOTES

Louisiana cottage food statute confirmed from state baseline. Orleans Parish follows state baseline. New Orleans is a parish-city consolidated government. Sales tax certificate from Orleans Parish required before any sales. No state permit required. $30,000 cap (raised from $20,000 in 2022). No employees for baked goods production. Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; New Orleans-specific home occupation code not directly researched.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://nola.gov

https://ldh.la.gov/page/cottage-food-laws

https://nationalaglawcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/assets/cottagefood/Louisiana.pdf

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/louisiana/orleans-parish-discuss

Orleans Parish and nearby places

Regulation	Orleans Parish	Jefferson Parish	St. Tammany Parish
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	**Conditional**	Conditional	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	**No**	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	**Pets excluded from bakery area during production of breads, cakes, cookies, and pies.**	Pets excluded from bakery area during production of breads, cakes, cookies, and pies.	Pets must be excluded from preparation areas during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	**No**	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	**Yes**	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	**Conditional**	Conditional	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP	**Direct-to-consumer sales. Most low-risk foods (except baked goods) may also be sold indirectly. Baked goods (breads/cakes/cookies/pies) are...**	Direct-to-consumer sales. Most low-risk foods (except baked goods) may also be sold indirectly. Baked goods (breads/cakes/cookies/pies) are...	Some indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods; the four named baked-goods categories (breads/cakes/cookies/pies) have stricter direct...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	**Conditional**	Conditional	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	**Yes**	Yes	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	**Louisiana allows low-risk foods prepared at home for sale under La. R.S. §40:4.9. No state permit required. Annual gross sales cap $100,000....**	Louisiana allows low-risk foods prepared at home for sale under La. R.S. §40:4.9. No state permit required. Annual gross sales cap $100,000....	Low-risk non-TCS foods only; $100,000 annual sales cap (raised from $20,000 by HB 828, Act 357, 2022). Sales tax certificate from parish of ...
FOOD STORAGE	**Perishable ingredients refrigerated at 45°F or below. Non-TCS finished products.**	Perishable ingredients refrigerated at 45°F or below. Non-TCS finished products.	Non-TCS; refrigerated ingredients must be held at 45°F or below; finished products must be shelf-stable
POPULATION	**380,408**	436,171	266,168

State context — Louisiana cottage food law

Orleans Parish's rules sit on top of Louisiana's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE
La. R.S. §40:4.13

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
No

KITCHEN INSPECTION
No

INDIRECT SALES
Limited (see notes) — Most low-risk foods may be sold indirectly (to restaurants, retail stores), but breads, cakes, cookies, and pies specifically may NOT be sold to any retail business or individual for resale — they are direct-to-consumer only.

ANNUAL SALES CAP
100000

FOOD HANDLER CERT
No

DIRECT SALES ONLY
No

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **Louisiana cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/louisiana.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: https://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=98863

State dept cottage food page: https://ldh.la.gov/page/cottage-food-laws

Forrager.com: https://forrager.com/law/louisiana/

Questions about Orleans Parish? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

crosodo.com/nb/louisiana/orleans-parish-discuss

RESEARCH NOTES

Baker's Notes

Research notes, not a state ruling. Baker talk is what people discuss. Official pages are cited separately. Confirm before you sell.

Sell to stores (next level)

Cottage / home-kitchen exemptions are usually direct-to-consumer and not for resale into stores. Selling into retail stores typically requires a state manufactured-food (or equivalent) permit and an inspected production kitchen, plus local zoning and business licensing.

This county: We have not collected local store-shelf notes for this place yet.

Confirm with the state food agency and local planning / commissioner offices before you sell into stores. Not legal advice.

Classifieds

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