

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Franklin County

Massachusetts · — · FIPS 25011 · Population 70,980 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
105 CMR 590.009(D)	Okay	—	MEDIUM	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?

Conditional (Residential kitchen permit required from local board of health. Kitchen must be inspected and permitted annually. Only non-PHF foods allowed. No mail order, catering, or wholesale. Pickles, sauces, fermented foods require variance. No THC products.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No pets allowed in kitchen during production (standard health code requirement)

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Massachusetts residential kitchen operations are regulated by local boards of health. In Franklin County, each town has its own board of health that issues permits. No county-wide permit; each municipality administers separately.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Annual inspection required for residential kitchen permit renewal)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No pets allowed in kitchen during production (standard health code requirement)
WATER SUPPLY	Approved potable water source
HANDWASHING	Dedicated handwashing sink with soap and single-use towels required
FOOD STORAGE	Proper food storage; no cross-contamination; sealed containers

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes — Annual inspection required for residential kitchen permit renewal
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Massachusetts residential kitchen operations are regulated by local boards of health. In Franklin County, each town has its own board of health that issues permits. No county-wide permit; each municipality administers separately.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only; no mail order or internet sales (MA prohibits mail order under residential kitchen permit)
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at county level

Relevant county code

105 CMR 590.009(D); local board of health regulations

RESEARCH NOTES

Massachusetts is an Okay-tier state with annual kitchen inspection required. Franklin County has no county government; towns have their own boards of health. No county-level cottage food coordination. Each municipality issues its own residential kitchen permit. No county seat listed. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/residential-kitchen-permit-information>

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

State context — Massachusetts cottage food law

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

<p>STATUTE 105 CMR 590.009(D)</p> <p>REGISTRATION REQUIRED Yes</p> <p>KITCHEN INSPECTION Yes</p> <p>INDIRECT SALES Yes — Massachusetts residential kitchens are treated as food establishments, so permitted operators may sell at any venue within the state including restaurants and retail stores, without the wholesale restriction that most cottage food laws impose. Mail order and catering are prohibited. Local boards of health administer permits and may impose additional restrictions.</p>	<p>ANNUAL SALES CAP —</p> <p>FOOD HANDLER CERT Recommended</p> <p>DIRECT SALES ONLY No</p>
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For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Massachusetts cottage food law report](#).

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

- State statute: <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/105-CMR-59000-state-sanitary-code-chapter-x>
 - State dept cottage food page: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/residential-kitchen-permit-information>
 - Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/massachusetts/>
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