

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Marquette County

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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
MCL §289.4102	Great	50000	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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Population 66,376 · State baseline: MCL §289.4102 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Michigan cottage food law allows home kitchen production of non-PHF foods. City of Marquette LDC §54.621 governs home occupations within city limits; county townships have their own ordinances. Home occupation is a permitted use in residential districts in the City of Marquette.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State law does not prohibit pets but good manufacturing practices apply; pets should be excluded during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (City of Marquette requires home occupation compliance under LDC §54.621; a permit is required for home occupations in city limits. County townships have varying requirements. Contact Marquette City or relevant township zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law; complaint-based only)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State law does not prohibit pets but good manufacturing practices apply; pets should be excluded during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; no specific county-level additional requirement identified
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing facilities required per state food safety guidance
FOOD STORAGE	Properly labeled, stored away from contaminants per state baseline

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection under Michigan cottage food law; complaint-based only
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — City of Marquette requires home occupation compliance under LDC §54.621; a permit is required for home occupations in city limits. County townships have varying requirements. Contact Marquette City or relevant township zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only per state law; online/mail order allowed under 2025 MI amendment (effective March 2026). Customer pickup at home permitted subject to local zoning.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No non-family employees permitted under MI cottage food law

Relevant county code

City of Marquette LDC §54.621 (Home Occupations); county townships have separate ordinances

RESEARCH NOTES

Michigan state law (MCL §289.4102) governs cottage food statewide with \$50,000 annual sales cap (raised by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026). No registration, inspection, or food handler cert required at state level. City of Marquette's LDC §54.621 addresses home occupations and is a permitted use in residential districts. Marquette County is large and rural; most unincorporated areas follow township zoning. No specific Marquette County health department cottage food override found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.marquettecounty.gov>

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods>

<https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102>

<https://online.encodeplus.com/regs/marquette-mi/doclibrary.aspx>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Marquette County	Alger County	Baraga County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	State law does not prohibit pets but good manufacturing practices apply; pets should be excluded during production	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during pro...	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practices apply and pets should be excluded from food production areas during pro...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only per state law; online/mail order allowed under 2025 MI amendment (effective March 2026). Customer pickup at home permitte...	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order...	Direct sales within Michigan only. Allowed venues include farmers markets, roadside stands, craft shows, and home pickup. Online/mail order...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Michigan cottage food law allows home kitchen production of non-PHF foods. City of Marquette LDC §54.621 governs home occupations within ci...	Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second ho...	Must be the kitchen of the operator's primary domestic residence. Single-family home, apartment, condo, or rental home qualifies; second ho...
FOOD STORAGE	Properly labeled, stored away from contaminants per state baseline	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.	Shelf-stable, non-potentially hazardous foods only; must be stored at primary residence in a clean, pest-free area to prevent adulteration.
POPULATION	66,376	9,601	8,416

State context — Michigan cottage food law

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

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
MCL §289.4102	50000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
No	No
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	Yes

INDIRECT SALES

No — Sales through retail stores, restaurants, or wholesale are prohibited. Online sales, mail order, and third-party delivery platform sales (e.g., DoorDash) are allowed in-state only, but require the producer to offer the customer an opportunity to directly interact (face-to-face or virtually) before purchase. A separate \$75,000 cap applies if all products are priced at \$250 or more per item. Honey and maple syrup have a separate exemption permitting indirect retail sales up to \$15,000/year.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods>

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

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