

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# St. Clair County

Michigan · Port Huron · FIPS 26147 · Population 160,257 ·  
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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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## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Michigan allows home kitchen cottage food with no registration or inspection required. Annual sales cap \$50,000 (raised by HB 4122, 2025 amendment, effective March 2026; prior cap was \$25,000). Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online and mail-order with virtual or face-to-face interaction now permitted (2025 amendment). Allowed foods include non-PHF items: baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, preserves, snacks. Only two specific buttercream frosting recipes permitted.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (St. Clair County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement by MDARD.)

## Home kitchen rules

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<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific requirement under Michigan cottage food law.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Good manufacturing practices apply.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-PHF products only; no fermented/acidified foods, pickles, fruit butters. Proper storage required.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement by MDARD.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — St. Clair County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No consignment or wholesale. Online and third-party delivery platform sales now allowed with interaction requirement per 2025 amendment.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified by state law; local home occupation rules may apply.

### Relevant county code

St. Clair County Zoning Ordinance; MCL §289.4102

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Pattern county. State baseline governs. Michigan HB 4122 (2025) raised cap to \$50,000 and added online/delivery platform sales. No St. Clair County-specific cottage food code identified.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

## State context — Michigan cottage food law

St. Clair 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.

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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.

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

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### 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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