

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Harrison County

Mississippi · Gulfport · FIPS 28047 · Population 208,748 ·
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STATE BASELINE

Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

35000

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 (Mississippi state law (§75-29-951) permits home kitchen production of non-potentially hazardous foods. Annual sales cap: \$35,000. Direct sales only; no internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales. Harrison County is a Gulf Coast county; county seat is Gulfport (co-seat with Biloxi historically). No county-specific cottage food overrides documented.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state-level pet restriction documented for Mississippi cottage food operations. Standard sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Harrison County and cities (Gulfport, Biloxi, Long Beach, Pass Christian) may require home occupation permits or business licenses. No specific county-level cottage food permit documented beyond state law exemption. Contact Harrison County or relevant municipal planning/zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Mississippi State Department of Health may inspect upon consumer complaint or foodborne illness investigation.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction documented for Mississippi cottage food operations. Standard sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement documented for Mississippi cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only. Standard safe storage practices.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Mississippi cottage food law restricts to direct sales to consumers. Home pickup permitted. No internet, mail order, or wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit employee limit in Mississippi cottage food statute.

Relevant county code

Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951; Harrison County zoning (contact for home occupation details)

RESEARCH NOTES

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SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/30,0,77,620.html

<https://law.justia.com/codes/mississippi/title-75/chapter-29/article-21/section-75-29-951/>

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Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Harrison County	Jackson County	Pearl River County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state-level pet restriction documented for Mississippi cottage food operations. Standard sanitation practices apply.	Not explicitly prohibited by state statute, but kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.	No specific MS state or Pearl River County restriction found.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Mississippi cottage food law restricts to direct sales to consumers. Home pickup permitted. No internet, mail order, or wholesale.	Direct sales only — at farmers markets, roadside stands, home pickup. No online sales, mail order, or wholesale allowed under the cottage f...	Direct sales only: at home, farmers markets, events. No internet or mail-order sales permitted under MS law.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Mississippi state law (§75-29-951) permits home kitchen production of non-potentially hazardous foods. Annual sales cap: \$35,000. Direct sa...	Sales limited to direct-to-consumer only. Annual gross sales capped at \$35,000. No internet sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail establi...	Nonpotentially hazardous foods only including baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, fermented foods, pastries, preserves, snacks. An...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only. Standard safe storage practices.	All products must be non-potentially hazardous (shelf-stable). Stored in food-safe sealed containers.	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable products. Proper storage to prevent contamination.
POPULATION	208,748	143,721	56,351

State context — Mississippi cottage food law

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

STATUTE Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951	ANNUAL SALES CAP 35000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED No	FOOD HANDLER CERT No
KITCHEN INSPECTION Upon-complaint	DIRECT SALES ONLY Yes
INDIRECT SALES No — Mississippi prohibits Internet sales, mail order, wholesale, and retail establishment sales. Cottage food products may only be sold through in-person direct-to-consumer channels including events, farmers markets, home sales, and roadside stands. Advertising on the Internet including social media is permitted even though sales through those channels are not.	

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://law.justia.com/codes/mississippi/title-75/chapter-29/article-21/section-75-29-951/>

State dept cottage food page: <https://msdh.ms.gov/page/30,0,76.html>

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

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