

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Platte County

Missouri · Platte City · FIPS 29165 · Population 107,033 ·
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STATE BASELINE

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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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 (Missouri primary statute (§196.298) allows only: nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs and herb mixes. No sales cap. No registration required. Direct-to-consumer at home and via online/in-state shipping permitted. Missouri prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Platte County is in the Kansas City metro area. Platte City and other municipalities (Parkville, Riverside, etc.) may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific Platte County cottage food ordinance identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections. State statute expressly prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food operations.)

Home kitchen rules

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| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | No specific state restriction. |
| WATER SUPPLY | No specific state requirement beyond standard sanitation. |
| HANDWASHING | Standard handwashing practices required. |
| FOOD STORAGE | Only baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs allowed under §196.298. |

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 Direct-to-consumer at home and via online/in-state shipping permitted. Farmers markets, events, restaurants, retail stores, roadside stands prohibited under §196.298.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Platte County code section identified. State law governs: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298.

RESEARCH NOTES

Platte County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Platte County is a fast-growing Kansas City suburb. Missouri’s narrow cottage food scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, herbs only) is the main constraint. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/cottagefood.php>

<https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

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

State context — Missouri cottage food law

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

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| STATUTE Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 | ANNUAL SALES CAP — |
| REGISTRATION REQUIRED No | FOOD HANDLER CERT No |
| KITCHEN INSPECTION No | DIRECT SALES ONLY Yes |

INDIRECT SALES
No — Under §196.298, sales must be directly to consumers from the producer’s home. Events, farmers markets, restaurants, retail stores, and roadside stands are not permitted under this law. Internet/online sales are allowed but only if both the producer and buyer are located in Missouri. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating the production of food at cottage food operations. A separate Missouri statute (individual stands law) allows sales at events and roadside stands in counties that have adopted it, permitting most other nonperishable foods.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

State dept cottage food page: <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/cottagefood.php>

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

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