

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Pulaski County

Missouri · Waynesville · FIPS 29169 · Population 53,726 ·
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STATE BASELINE

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298 (amended 2022 by HB 1697)

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 (Allowed foods: nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, dried herbs and herb mixes. No sales cap. Direct sales only. Online/in-state shipping permitted since 2022. Local health departments prohibited from regulating.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific MO state or Pulaski County rule.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Pulaski County includes Waynesville (adjacent to Fort Leonard Wood military installation). Military community may have some local business provisions. No specific county cottage food ordinance identified. Contact Pulaski County government in Waynesville.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (MO statute prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific MO state or Pulaski County rule.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement.
HANDWASHING	No formal requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Nonperishable products only. Proper labeling required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — MO statute prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Pulaski County includes Waynesville (adjacent to Fort Leonard Wood military installation). Military community may have some local business provisions. No specific county cottage food ordinance identified. Contact Pulaski County government in Waynesville.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales including online and in-state shipping. No farmers markets, restaurants, or retail stores under primary statute.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in MO statute.

Relevant county code

Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298; no Pulaski County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Pulaski County is a military county (Fort Leonard Wood). No county-specific cottage food rules found. MO state baseline applies: limited food scope (baked goods, jams/jellies, dried herbs) but no sales cap and no local health department regulation allowed.

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/pulaski-county-discuss>

State context — Missouri cottage food law

Pulaski 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.

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