

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Bronx County

New York · The Bronx · FIPS 36005 · Population 1,443,229 ·
Crosodo Index #1385*

STATE BASELINE

N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

—

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.

NEW YORK: BRONX COUNTY

CROSODO INDEX #1385* · FIPS 36005 · The Bronx

Bronx County

Population 1,443,229 · State baseline: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4 · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY**

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Bronx County is an NYC borough governed by the NYC Administrative Code and NYC DOHMH. The NY State Home Processor Exemption applies; no separate NYC cottage food ordinance exists. All products must have a pathogen kill step (must be baked), pre-packaged at home, and sold within NYS only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies by city (NYC zoning code governs home-based business activities. Operators should verify with NYC zoning officials. No specific cottage food home occupation permit requirement identified for the Bronx.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; state Ag & Markets or NYC DOHMH may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Bronx County is an NYC borough governed by the NYC Administrative Code and NYC DOHMH. The NY State Home Processor Exemption applies; no separate NYC cottage food ordinance exists. All products must have a pathogen kill step (must be baked), pre-packaged at home, and sold within NYS only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	Municipal water (NYC); state baseline applies.
HANDWASHING	State baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection; state Ag & Markets or NYC DOHMH may investigate upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies by city — NYC zoning code governs home-based business activities. Operators should verify with NYC zoning officials. No specific cottage food home occupation permit requirement identified for the Bronx.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales within New York State only. Wholesale to in-state retail/restaurants allowed. Internet sales within NYS only.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	State baseline applies

Relevant county code

none — Bronx County is a NYC borough; state Home Processor Exemption (1 NYCRR 276.4) applies

RESEARCH NOTES

Same framework as other NYC boroughs (Kings, Queens, Manhattan). NY Home Processor Exemption registration is free, location-specific, no expiration. The Bronx has higher rates of residential rental housing; renters should check lease agreements for any home business restrictions. No local overlay ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/index.page>

<https://www.nyc.gov>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/index.page>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Bronx County	Nassau County	New York County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	State baseline applies	State baseline applies	State baseline applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales within New York State only. Wholesale to in-state retail/restaurants allowed. Internet sales within NYS only.	Sales within New York State only. Wholesale to in-state retail/restaurants allowed. Internet sales within NYS only. Products must be pre-pa...	Sales within New York State only. Wholesale to in-state retail/restaurants allowed. Internet sales within NYS only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies by city	Conditional	Varies by city
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city	Varies by city	Varies by city
RESTRICTIONS	Bronx County is an NYC borough governed by the NYC Administrative Code and NYC DOHMH. The NY State Home Processor Exemption applies; no sep...	Nassau County follows the NY State Home Processor Exemption (1 NYCRR 276.4) administered by NY Ag & Markets. No separate Nassau County cott...	New York County (Manhattan) is an NYC borough governed by the NYC Administrative Code and NYC DOHMH. The NY State Home Processor Exemption ...
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies	State baseline applies	State baseline applies
POPULATION	1,443,229	1,389,160	1,645,867

State context — New York cottage food law

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

STATUTE N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4	ANNUAL SALES CAP —
REGISTRATION REQUIRED Yes	FOOD HANDLER CERT No
KITCHEN INSPECTION No	DIRECT SALES ONLY No
INDIRECT SALES Yes — Wholesale to restaurants, cafes, and grocery stores within New York State is explicitly permitted. Products may also be sold online (NY residents only) and via delivery. Shipping out of state is not permitted. Registration is free, location-specific, and has no expiration date.	

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/AGM/251-Z-4>

State dept cottage food page: <https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/new-york/>

Questions?

Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss Bronx County's specific zoning rules, permits, and what other home bakers are seeing locally.

<https://crosodo.com/nb/new-york/bronx-county-discuss>
