

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Cleveland County

Oklahoma · Norman · FIPS 40027 · Population 295,060 ·
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STATE BASELINE

2 O.S. §5-4.1 through §5-4.6 (Homemade Food Freedom Act); \$75,000 annual sales cap; no license required; local ordinances preempted by state

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Freedom	75000	HIGH	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 (Shelf-stable and TCS foods allowed; \$75,000 annual gross sales cap; no state license or inspection required; labeling required; TCS foods require food safety training)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction; general sanitation applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Oklahoma Homemade Food Freedom Act explicitly preempts local ordinances — local permits and zoning restrictions on cottage food operations are overridden by state law)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No inspections required or routine)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Shelf-stable and TCS foods allowed; \$75,000 annual gross sales cap; no state license or inspection required; labeling required; TCS foods require food safety training
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction; general sanitation applies
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water at residence
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage per food type (including refrigeration for TCS foods)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No inspections required or routine
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Oklahoma Homemade Food Freedom Act explicitly preempts local ordinances — local permits and zoning restrictions on cottage food operations are overridden by state law
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer; shelf-stable foods may be sold through third-party vendors and retail; TCS foods direct to consumer only; \$75,000 annual cap across all sales
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

State preemption applies; local ordinances overridden

RESEARCH NOTES

Oklahoma is notable: Homemade Food Freedom Act (2021) explicitly preempts local ordinances, so Cleveland County/Norman CANNOT impose additional zoning or permit restrictions on cottage food operations. No local permit required. \$75,000 annual cap. Optional ODAFF registration (\$15/yr) available for address privacy.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.clevelandcountyoak.com>

<https://oklahoma.gov/health/protective-health/consumer-health-service/food-safety/homemade-food-freedom-act.html>

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/oklahoma/>

<https://www.cottagefoodlicense.com/blog/oklahoma-cottage-laws-2026-complete-guide-to-oklahoma-cottage-food-rules>

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Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Cleveland County	Oklahoma County	Canadian County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific restriction; general sanitation applies	Not specified in statute	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct to consumer; shelf-stable foods may be sold through third-party vendors and retail; TCS foods direct to consumer only; \$75,000 annua...	Oklahoma Homemade Food Freedom Act: broad direct and indirect sales allowed; online, events, home sales, retail (limited indirect). \$75,000...	Sales allowed at any venue — home, events, farmers markets, online, retail (for non-TCS foods). Limited indirect sales allowed. No geograph...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Shelf-stable and TCS foods allowed; \$75,000 annual gross sales cap; no state license or inspection required; labeling required; TCS foods r...	Broad 'Freedom' tier: all homemade food products (beverages, baked goods, any food) produced at a residence allowed. No registration requir...	Oklahoma Homemade Food Freedom Act covers broad range of homemade foods including beverages, baked goods, and any food produced/packaged at...
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage per food type (including refrigeration for TCS foods)	Standard practices; TCS foods must be stored at proper temperatures	Non-TCS foods preferred; TCS foods allowed with food safety training. Proper storage required.
POPULATION	295,060	795,822	156,681

State context — Oklahoma cottage food law

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

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
2 O.S. §5-4.1 through §5-4.6 (Homemade Food Freedom Act)	75000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
No	Recommended
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	No

INDIRECT SALES

Limited (see notes) — Sales are permitted on site, by delivery, at farmers markets, through cooperatives, and through membership-based buying clubs. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry may promulgate rules to allow sales at other locations or by other means. County ordinances may regulate but may not conflict with or impede the Act. For TCS foods, the producer must complete an approved food safety training (e.g., ServSafe Food Handler Training, max 8 hours, available online) before selling.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.oscn.net/applications/oscn/deliverdocument.asp?citeid=478859>

State dept cottage food page: <https://oklahoma.gov/health/protective-health/consumer-health-service/food-safety/homemade-food-freedom-act.html>

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

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