

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Clackamas County

Oregon · Oregon City · FIPS 41005 · Population 420,925 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
ORS §616.723	Good	50000	MEDIUM	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?

Conditional (Oregon cottage food law (ORS §616.723, amended by SB 643, 2023) allows packaged non-TCS foods from residential dwellings. Annual sales cap \$50,000 (CPI-adjusted). Allowed: baked goods, confectionery items, coffee beans, teas, popcorn, jams, jellies, honey, syrups, fruit butters, nut mixes, repackaged freeze-dried foods, repackaged dried/dehydrated foods, powdered drink mixes. Cannabis-containing foods excluded. Food handler certification (ORS 624.570) required. Registration may or may not be required depending on sales channels. Pets may not be in food preparation area.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Pets may not be in the food preparation area during production.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Clackamas County has home occupation provisions in its zoning code. Unincorporated areas require county zoning compliance. Incorporated areas (Oregon City, Lake Oswego, West Linn, etc.) have city-specific home occupation rules. Operators should verify with Clackamas County Community Development or local municipality. Oregon cottage food law does not preempt local zoning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required for cottage food operations under ORS §616.723.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Pets may not be in the food preparation area during production.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific state requirement for cottage food operations beyond standard food safety.

HANDWASHING

Food handler certification required (ORS 624.570); handwashing required per food safety standards.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.

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 sales from home, online, mail, and at events permitted. May also sell to retailers (with Domestic Kitchen Bakery License ~\$50/year alternative pathway). Cannot sell to institutions (schools, day care centers, hospitals, nursing homes, restaurants, correctional facilities).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law; local home occupation rules vary.

Relevant county code

ORS §616.723 (Oregon cottage food); Clackamas County Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions).

RESEARCH NOTES

Oregon cottage food law (ORS §616.723) confirmed via state baseline. SB 643 (2023) raised cap to \$50,000, expanded product list, and permitted online/mail/event sales. Food handler certification required. Pets prohibited from food prep area. Clackamas County local zoning not specifically researched; confidence medium based on state baseline with no county override found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.clackamas.us>

<https://www.oregon.gov/oda/programs/foodsafety/pages/dkb-licensing.aspx>

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

State context — Oregon cottage food law

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

STATUTE ORS §616.723	ANNUAL SALES CAP 50000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED Depends	FOOD HANDLER CERT Yes
KITCHEN INSPECTION No	DIRECT SALES ONLY No

INDIRECT SALES
 Limited (see notes) — Direct sales to end users are permitted in any manner including online, mail, and at events. Sales to retailers (including coffee shops but not restaurants) are permitted if the retailer agrees to store/display the foods separately and clearly indicate they are homemade and not prepared in an inspected food establishment. Sales to institutions (restaurants, schools, hospitals, caterers, day care centers, nursing homes, correctional facilities) are prohibited. A Domestic Kitchen Bakery License (~\$50/year) is required for establishments wishing to sell to retailers under licensed status rather than using the residential-dwelling exemption. The department may provide a unique identification number for use on labels. Annual records must be maintained for 3 years.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_616.706

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.oregon.gov/oda/programs/foodsafety/pages/dkb-licensing.aspx>

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

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