

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Klamath County

Oregon · Klamath Falls · FIPS 41035 · Population 69,506 ·
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| STATE BASELINE | STATE TIER | ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE) | CONFIDENCE | LAST VERIFIED |
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| 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?

Yes (Annual sales cap \$50,000. Food handler certification required. No kitchen inspection required. Registration required for some operations (domestic kitchen business license from ODA). Limited indirect sales allowed. No TCS foods. Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state law

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (No county govt URL provided. Klamath County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Klamath Falls has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection; complaint-based possible)

Home kitchen rules

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| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No |
| PET RESTRICTIONS | Not specified in state law |
| WATER SUPPLY | Standard residential water supply |
| HANDWASHING | Required as part of food handler certification |
| FOOD STORAGE | Appropriate storage for non-PHF products |

Inspection & permitting

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| INSPECTION REQUIRED | No — No routine inspection; complaint-based possible |
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| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | Varies |

Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Yes |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE | Conditional |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Limited indirect sales via designated venues; direct delivery permitted in-state |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME | Not specified |

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Oregon Good-tier state with \$50,000 cap and food handler cert required. Klamath County is rural high-desert region. No county-specific sources available. Pattern county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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/klamath-county-discuss>

State context — Oregon cottage food law

Klamath 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.

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| 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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