

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Linn County

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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?

Yes (Annual sales capped at \$50,000 (CPI-adjusted, per SB 643, 2023). Food handler certification under ORS 624.570 required. Products must be packaged non-potentially-hazardous foods. Cannabis-containing foods excluded. No sales to institutions (caterers, schools, daycare, hospitals, nursing homes, correctional facilities, or restaurants).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Pets may not be in the food preparation area; their presence elsewhere in the dwelling is no longer grounds for automatic disqualification per SB 643.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Linn County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. City of Albany and Lebanon have separate ordinances. No specific county-level cottage food override identified. Oregon state law does not appear to preempt local zoning for cottage food operations.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (ODA may investigate upon complaint. A Domestic Kitchen Bakery License (~\$50/year) is an alternative pathway for those wishing to sell to retailers with licensed status.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets may not be in the food preparation area; their presence elsewhere in the dwelling is no longer grounds for automatic disqualification per SB 643.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Required per food safety standards; ODA food handler certification required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous packaged foods. Stored in food-safe containers. No refrigeration required for finished products.

Inspection & permitting

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Linn County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. City of Albany and Lebanon have separate ordinances. No specific county-level cottage food override identified. Oregon state law does not appear to preempt local zoning for cottage food operations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales at any venue — home, online, mail, events. Sales to retailers permitted under specific conditions. No sales to institutions (schools, restaurants, hospitals, etc.).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at state level.

Relevant county code

ORS §616.723; ORS §624.570 (food handler certification).

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (OR) confirmed: ORS §616.723, \$50,000 cap (SB 643, 2023), food handler certification required, pets no longer automatic disqualifier. Linn County is in the Willamette Valley (Albany); an agricultural county. No county-specific URLs in input. County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

State context — Oregon cottage food law

Linn 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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