

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Multnomah County

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STATE BASELINE

ORS §616.723 (as amended by SB 643, 2023; cap \$50,000)

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

50000

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.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Must be produced in operator’s residential dwelling. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Food handler certification under ORS 624.570 required. Annual cap \$50,000 (CPI-adjusted). Cannot sell to institutions (schools, hospitals, restaurants — only retail stores and direct consumers).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Pets must not be in food preparation areas during production; their presence elsewhere in the home is permissible

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (City of Portland has home occupation permit requirements. For Portland Bureau of Development Services, contact (503) 823-7300. Multnomah County governs unincorporated areas (very limited — most is Portland proper). Other cities in Multnomah County (Troutdale, Wood Village, Fairview) have their own rules.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Oregon Department of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets must not be in food preparation areas during production; their presence elsewhere in the home is permissible
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; state baseline
HANDWASHING	Food handler certification required
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage; non-PHF foods only

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer at home, online, mail, events; sales to retail stores permitted under specific conditions (SB 643, 2023). Cannot sell to restaurants, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, etc. \$50,000 annual cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Unknown

Relevant county code

ORS §616.723; City of Portland Title 33 Zoning Code for home occupations

RESEARCH NOTES

Multnomah County follows Oregon state baseline for cottage food. SB 643 (2023) expanded the allowed product list and raised the cap to \$50,000. Portland is the dominant municipality — nearly all of Multnomah County is within Portland city limits. Portland has a business license requirement. City of Portland home occupation rules apply to most operators in this county. The Domestic Kitchen Bakery License is an alternative if wishing to sell to retailers more broadly.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.multco.us/health>

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds>

<https://www.multco.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/multnomah-county-discuss>

State context — Oregon cottage food law

Multnomah 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.

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