

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Umatilla County

Oregon · Pendleton · FIPS 41059 · Population 79,904 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
ORS §616.723	Good	50000	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 (Residential dwelling allowed. Only non-potentially-hazardous foods permitted. Cannabis-containing foods excluded. May not sell to institutions (caterers, schools, day care, hospitals, nursing homes, correctional facilities, restaurants). Pets may not be in the food preparation area during production.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Pets not allowed in food preparation area during food production per ORS 616.723 / ODA rules.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Umatilla County Development Code (UCDC) §152.616 and §152.617 require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for home occupations/cottage industries in most zones. CUP application fee is \$250 plus notice costs. The CUP process requires public review and typically takes 6-8 weeks. Criteria include: business must be secondary to residential use, operated by resident or employee of resident, conducted within the dwelling or associated buildings, and no detrimental impacts to neighbors. Annual review for compliance required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required. ODA may respond to complaints.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets not allowed in food preparation area during food production per ORS 616.723 / ODA rules.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Food handler certification required (ORS 624.570); proper handwashing is part of food handler training.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially-hazardous shelf-stable foods must be stored appropriately to maintain safety.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to end users permitted from home, online, through the mail, and at events. Sales to retailers permitted under specific conditions. Cannot sell to institutions.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Home occupation must be operated by resident or employee of resident. No outside employees per UCDC home occupation standards.

Relevant county code

UCDC §152.616 (Home Occupation); UCDC §152.617 (Cottage Industry); Oregon ORS §616.723

RESEARCH NOTES

Umatilla County requires a Conditional Use Permit for home occupations/cottage industries under UCDC §152.616-617. This is a county-level layer on top of state cottage food law. CUP fee is \$250 plus notice costs, annual review required. State food law (ORS §616.723, amended 2023 per SB 643) sets the food safety framework with \$50,000 annual cap. Food handler certification required at state level. County planning URL confirmed at co.umatilla.or.us and umatillacounty.net. Confidence: high (county planning documents directly retrieved).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.umatillacounty.gov/planning>

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

https://co.umatilla.or.us/fileadmin/user_upload/Planning/Supplemental_Packet_-_Conditional_Use.pdf

<https://umatillacounty.net/departments/community-development/planning-division/zoning-permit-applications>

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

State context — Oregon cottage food law

Umatilla 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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