

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Washington County

Oregon · Hillsboro · FIPS 41067 · Population 599,541 ·  
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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 (Oregon allows sales from residential dwelling under ORS §616.723. \$50,000 annual sales cap. Food handler certification required. Registration required depending on sales channel and volume.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific state cottage food pet restriction specified

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Washington County, OR requires a Type I Home Occupation permit for businesses operated from a residential home. Application filed with Washington County Department of Land Use & Transportation (155 N First Ave., Suite 350, Hillsboro OR 97124; 503-846-8761). Standards in CDC Section 430-63.1: up to 600 sq ft or 25% of floor area; no onsite employees; max 5 customers/day; max 1 delivery/pickup per day (excl. USPS); no exterior storage; no excessive noise/odors/glare; one sign up to 2 sq ft (requires building permit); may be exempt if no on-site customers and not in EFC/EFU/AF-20 district. City of Hillsboro separately requires a Home Occupation Permit plus a General Business License (apply at 150 E Main St, Hillsboro OR 97123; 503-681-6408).)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspection required under Oregon cottage food law)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Oregon allows sales from residential dwelling under ORS §616.723. \$50,000 annual sales cap. Food handler certification required. Registration required depending on sales channel and volume.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific state cottage food pet restriction specified
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water testing requirement in state cottage food law
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Implied by food handler certification requirement
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-TCS foods

## Inspection & permitting

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<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Yes

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales and indirect (limited retail) under ORS §616.723. \$50,000 annual cap. Online and mail delivery permitted. City of Hillsboro requires General Business License in addition to Home Occupation Permit.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Washington County Type I Home Occupation: only permanent residents of home may be employed in the home occupation

### Relevant county code

Washington County Community Development Code Section 430-63.1 (Home Occupation Type I). State: ORS §616.723.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Washington County, OR official Type I Home Occupation permit application PDF retrieved directly from [washingtoncountyor.gov](http://washingtoncountyor.gov) (dated June 2025). Clear requirements: CDC Section 430-63.1, max 600 sq ft or 25% floor area, residents only, max 5 customers/day, max 1 delivery/day, no exterior storage, one 2 sq ft sign allowed. City of Hillsboro (county seat) additionally requires Home Occupation Permit plus General Business License per Oregon state business directory. ORS §616.723 is the operative state cottage food statute (not §616.706 as sometimes cited). Confidence high based on direct retrieval of official Washington County planning document.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.washington.or.us>

<https://www.washingtoncountyor.gov/current-planning/documents/home-occupation-type-i/download?inline=>

<https://apps.oregon.gov/SOS/LicenseDirectory/LicenseDetail/1495>

<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/washington-county-discuss>

## State context — Oregon cottage food law

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

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

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**STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES**

State statute: [https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors\\_616.706](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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