

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Pike County

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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737	Good	—	MEDIUM	2026-05-05

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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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 (Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment requires registration (\$35 for 2-year registration), an initial on-site kitchen inspection, and subsequent routine inspections. Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) foods only. No sales cap. Not available in Philadelphia County (not applicable here). Direct and limited indirect sales permitted.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Subject to standard food safety GMP requirements; inspection will verify.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Pike County and local municipalities may require a home occupation permit. Operators should check with Pike County Planning Commission.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Initial inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections apply.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Subject to standard food safety GMP requirements; inspection will verify.
WATER SUPPLY	Water supply inspected as part of initial kitchen inspection.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required and verified during kitchen inspection.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated products required; proper storage verified during inspection.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes — Initial inspection required before registration; subsequent routine inspections apply.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Pike County and local municipalities may require a home occupation permit. Operators should check with Pike County Planning Commission.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales permitted. Must apply at least 60 days before starting operations.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Pike County zoning (home occupation provisions); no specific cottage food county code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Pike County. State baseline (3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737) applies. Pike County is in northeastern PA near the Delaware Water Gap/Pocono area. Initial kitchen inspection and \$35 fee required. Application must be submitted at least 60 days before operations begin.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/food/limited-food-establishment.html>

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/consCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&ttl=03&div=0&chpt=57>

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Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Pike County	Wayne County	Monroe County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Subject to standard food safety GMP requirements; inspection will verify.	Not specified in state cottage food law, but GMP requirements apply during inspection.	Home kitchen inspected; pets likely required away from food prep areas during production.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and limited indirect sales permitted. Must apply at least 60 days before starting operations.	Direct-to-consumer and limited indirect sales allowed under LFE. Products may be sold at farmers markets, events, home, and to some retaile...	Direct sales from production site and internet sales included in registration. Farmers market sales may require separate Retail Food Facili...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment requires registration (\$35 for 2-year registration), an initial on-site kitchen inspection, and sub...	Must apply for Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). Initial on-site kitchen inspection required be...	Registration required with PA Department of Agriculture (\$35 for 2-year registration). Initial on-site inspection required before registrat...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated products required; proper storage verified during inspection.	Products must be non-TCS; proper storage required per LFE requirements.	Non-refrigerated foods stored in sanitary conditions; assessed during inspection.
POPULATION	58,996	51,227	168,128

State context — Pennsylvania cottage food law

Pike County's rules sit on top of Pennsylvania's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE

3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

Yes

DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

INDIRECT SALES

Limited (see notes) — Registration includes sales direct from the production site including internet sales. However, a separate Retail Food Facility License may be required for sales at events or Farmers Markets. Businesses aiming to sell across state lines might also need FDA registration. The registration covers home-based operations in residential kitchens as well as residential-style kitchens in alternate locations such as churches, fire halls, or remodeled garages. Not available in Philadelphia County.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/consCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&t1=03&div=0&chpt=57>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/food/limited-food-establishment.html>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/pennsylvania/>

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