

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Collin County

Texas · McKinney · FIPS 48085 · Population 1,079,153 ·
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STATE BASELINE

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

150000

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 (Collin County follows state cottage food law. No county-level health inspection authority for cottage food operations. Incorporated cities within Collin County (McKinney, Plano, Frisco, Allen, etc.) have their own home occupation permit requirements. Texas municipal zoning ordinances may not prohibit CFPOs.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies by city (No Collin County-level home occupation permit for cottage food in unincorporated areas. Cities within Collin County (McKinney, Plano, Frisco, Allen, Richardson, etc.) have their own home occupation and zoning requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health departments may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. No routine or complaint-driven county inspection authority.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	State baseline applies
HANDWASHING	State baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health departments may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. No routine or complaint-driven county inspection authority.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies by city — No Collin County-level home occupation permit for cottage food in unincorporated areas. Cities within Collin County (McKinney, Plano, Frisco, Allen, Richardson, etc.) have their own home occupation and zoning requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	State law allows direct and indirect sales, online sales with in-person/household delivery. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). Starting Sept 2025, TCS food sellers must register with DSHS.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	State baseline applies

Relevant county code

none — state preemption applies; Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Collin County is one of the fastest-growing counties in the US (Dallas suburb). No county-specific cottage food rules found. State preemption bars local health departments from licensing or inspecting CFPOs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised the cap to \$150,000. Cities like Plano, Frisco, and McKinney may have home occupation ordinances that apply.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.collincountytx.gov>

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/retail-food-establishments/texas-cottage-food-production>

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

State context — Texas cottage food law

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

STATUTE Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.	ANNUAL SALES CAP 150000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED No	FOOD HANDLER CERT No
KITCHEN INSPECTION No	DIRECT SALES ONLY No

INDIRECT SALES
 Limited (see notes) — Sales must be made directly to consumers or to a 'cottage food vendor' (a new category created by SB 541 in 2025 – a person with a contractual relationship who sells on behalf of the cottage food operation to consumers in-state). Cottage food products may not be sold as ingredients to a food service establishment. No retail grocery store or wholesale sales permitted under the pre-2025 framework; SB 541 (2025) adds the cottage food vendor intermediary option. Products must be delivered to consumer or vendor at point of sale or consumer-designated location.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

- State statute: <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>
 - State dept cottage food page: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
 - Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/texas/>
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