

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Grayson County

Texas · Sherman · FIPS 48181 · Population 137,008 · Crosodo Index #992\*

## 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 (Annual gross income capped at \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required. Health departments cannot routinely inspect cottage food operations.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Not prohibited by state law; kitchen sanitation required.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Grayson County (unincorporated areas) zoning may have home occupation provisions. Sherman (county seat) and Denison have their own ordinances. Texas state law strongly preempts local health regulations but local zoning may still apply.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Health authorities may act only to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Annual gross income capped at \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required. Health departments cannot routinely inspect cottage food operations.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not prohibited by state law; kitchen sanitation required.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Required per general food safety good practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS foods only; stored in sealed food-safe containers.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Health authorities may act only to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Grayson County (unincorporated areas) zoning may have home occupation provisions. Sherman (county seat) and Denison have their own ordinances. Texas state law strongly preempts local health regulations but local zoning may still apply.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	Conditional
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Sales permitted from home, farmers markets, online, and third-party delivery within Texas. Indirect retail/restaurant sales allowed with restrictions.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Not specified in state statute.

### Relevant county code

Grayson County, TX zoning ordinance (unincorporated areas).

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (TX) confirmed. No county-specific URLs in input. Grayson County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

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

## State context — Texas cottage food law

Grayson 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.

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

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

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### 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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## Questions?

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