

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Gregg County

Texas · Longview · FIPS 48183 · Population 124,245 ·  
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## STATE BASELINE

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; \$150,000 annual sales cap (2025); no registration; no inspection; direct and limited indirect sales; state preempts local health inspections

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Great	150000	MEDIUM	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 (Texas state law allows cottage food production from a home kitchen. Health departments cannot inspect cottage food operations. Gregg County follows state baseline.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific Texas state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Gregg County unincorporated areas and the city of Longview may have separate home occupation permit requirements under local zoning. No specific county-level cottage food permit details found. Texas state law §559.955 requires cottage food operators to comply with home-based business rules. Contact Gregg County or Longview city planning for zoning specifics.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits health departments from inspecting cottage food operations except to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Texas state law allows cottage food production from a home kitchen. Health departments cannot inspect cottage food operations. Gregg County follows state baseline.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific Texas state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required per state food safety standards.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard food safety handwashing practices; no mandatory training or certification for Texas cottage food.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable non-TCS products stored per food safety standards. TCS foods not permitted under cottage food framework.

### Inspection & permitting

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<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Texas allows direct sales and limited indirect sales (not through wholesale distributors or retail chains). Online sales and delivery allowed. Products may not be sold at wholesale. Nonprofits may also operate under cottage food framework as of SB 541 (2025).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local home occupation rules may apply.

### Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; Tex. Bus. & Com. Code §559.955

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (TX tier Great). Texas cottage food law (as amended by SB 541, 2025) raised cap to \$150,000. No county-specific URLs provided in input and no county-specific overlay found. Gregg County is the seat of Longview, TX (pop ~81K), which has its own city zoning. Confidence medium: state law well-documented; county/city zoning overlay not researched due to no input URLs.

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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/gregg-county-discuss>

## State context — Texas cottage food law

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