

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Hunt County

Texas · Greenville · FIPS 48231 · Population 101,596 ·
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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 (Texas allows almost all non-TCS foods. Annual sales cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required. Health departments have no regulatory authority over cottage food operations except to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. Nonprofits may also operate under cottage food framework as of 2025.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction in the cottage food statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Hunt County municipalities (Greenville, Commerce, Wolfe City, etc.) may have home occupation zoning requirements. Texas state law does not preempt local zoning, but health departments cannot regulate cottage food. No specific Hunt County cottage food ordinance identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health departments cannot inspect except to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. No routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction in the cottage food statute.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices recommended but not legally mandated.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only. Prohibited: meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice products (shaved ice, ice cream, frozen custard, popsicles, gelato), low-acid canned goods, products containing CBD or THC, raw milk and raw milk products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Health departments cannot inspect except to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. No routine inspections.
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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Most direct-to-consumer and indirect sales channels permitted. \$150,000 annual cap. Online and mail-order sales permitted. Sales to retailers, restaurants, and via third-party vendors allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Hunt County code section identified. State law governs: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Hunt County has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Texas’s 2025 SB 541 raised the cap to \$150,000. Hunt County is in the Dallas-Fort Worth exurban area east of Greenville. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

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/hunt-county-discuss>

State context — Texas cottage food law

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

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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