

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Kerr County

Texas · Kerrville · FIPS 48265 · Population 52,810 · Crosodo Index #899*

STATE BASELINE

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. (amended by SB 541, 2025; cap \$150,000)

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 (All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual cap \$150,000. No inspection or registration required. Health departments have no regulatory authority except to prevent immediate public health threat.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific TX or Kerr County restriction.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Kerr County (Kerrville, Hill Country Texas) is a popular retirement and tourism destination. Texas state law preempts local health regulation. Contact Kerr County government or City of Kerrville for home occupation/business license requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Only to prevent immediate and serious public health threat.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific TX or Kerr County restriction.
WATER SUPPLY	No formal requirement.
HANDWASHING	No formal requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products. Prohibited: meat, poultry, seafood, ice/frozen treats, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC, raw milk.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and some indirect sales. Online orders permitted. 2025 SB 541 created 'cottage food vendor' intermediary.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	TX statute does not specify a cap.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.; no Kerr County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Kerr County is in the Texas Hill Country (Kerrville), a popular destination for retirees and tourists. Active farmers market and arts community. No county-specific cottage food rules found. State TX baseline applies.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

State context — Texas cottage food law

Kerr 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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