

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Clark County

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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
RCW §69.22.010-.040	Good	—	HIGH	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 (Non-potentially hazardous foods only. \$355 permit fee (2-year). Kitchen inspection by WSDA required before permit issued. \$35,000 annual gross sales cap. Food Worker’s Card from local county health department required. Master Business License required. Connected to approved water source.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Kitchen must pass WSDA inspection of all permitted areas

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (City of Vancouver, WA requires a Home Occupation Permit for businesses operated from a residence per VMC 20.860. Applied via Community Development Department. One-time permit fee. Contact Planning staff at 360-487-7803 to verify if exempt. Also requires City of Vancouver Business License or valid exemption. WSDA confirms local city/county government must be contacted for compliance with zoning ordinances. Clark County unincorporated areas: check Clark County Department of Community Development for home occupation requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (WSDA inspection required prior to permitting; additional inspections upon permit expiration or complaint/suspected violation)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Kitchen must pass WSDA inspection of all permitted areas
WATER SUPPLY	Kitchen must be connected to an approved water source; verified during WSDA inspection
HANDWASHING	Required as part of WSDA kitchen inspection compliance
FOOD STORAGE	All permitted areas including storage areas inspected by WSDA

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Washington. \$35,000 annual gross cap. No wholesale to stores or restaurants. Online sales permitted. Delivery to consumers permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law

Relevant county code

City of Vancouver VMC 20.860 (Home Occupation Requirements). RCW \$69.22.010-.040 (Cottage Food Operations); WAC 16-149.

RESEARCH NOTES

City of Vancouver, WA Home Occupation Permit page retrieved directly from cityofvancouver.us. Confirms HOP required per VMC 20.860; one-time fee; contact Planning at 360-487-7803; also requires City Business License. WSDA state page confirms local zoning compliance required and Master Business License plus Food Worker’s Card needed. Clark County (including Vancouver) is the county seat. State: \$355 fee, 2-year permit, WSDA inspection, \$35,000 cap. Confidence high: both official City of Vancouver page and WSDA state page retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.clark.wa.gov>

<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/economic-prosperity-and-housing/home-occupation-permit/>

<https://agr.wa.gov/cottagefood>

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

State context — Washington cottage food law

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

STATUTE RCW §69.22.010-.040	ANNUAL SALES CAP —
REGISTRATION REQUIRED Yes	FOOD HANDLER CERT Yes
KITCHEN INSPECTION Yes	DIRECT SALES ONLY Yes
INDIRECT SALES No — Cottage food products may only be sold directly to the consumer. Internet sales, mail order, and retail sale outside Washington state are explicitly prohibited. Products may not be repackaged, sold, or used as an ingredient by a food processing plant, or sold by a food service establishment.	

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=69.22.040>

State dept cottage food page: <https://agr.wa.gov/services/business-services/food-safety-and-licensing/cottage-food-operations>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/washington/>

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