

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Franklin County

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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
RCW §69.22.010-.040	Good	—	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 (Washington state cottage food law (RCW §69.22): biennial permit with annual inspection required. Allowed: non-PHF baked goods, baked/stovetop candies, jams/jellies/preserves/fruit butters (21 CFR §150), other non-PHF director-approved foods. No internet/mail order or out-of-state retail sales. Food handler card required under RCW 69.06. Applicant must grant right of entry to home during normal business hours.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Only permittee or persons under direct supervision in kitchen during processing; pets effectively excluded.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (Franklin County (Pasco, Kennewick-Pasco-Richland metro area) may require local home occupation permits. No Franklin County-specific cottage food zoning rules identified. Operators should check with Franklin County Planning.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

Yes (Annual basic hygiene inspections required; part of biennial permit process (\$125 biennial + \$75 public health review + \$30 processing fee).)

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Washington state cottage food law (RCW §69.22): biennial permit with annual inspection required. Allowed: non-PHF baked goods, baked/stovetop candies, jams/jellies/preserves/fruit butters (21 CFR §150), other non-PHF director-approved foods. No internet/mail order or out-of-state retail sales. Food handler card required under RCW 69.06. Applicant must grant right of entry to home during normal business hours.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Only permittee or persons under direct supervision in kitchen during processing; pets effectively excluded.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water supply requirement beyond general food safety; \$75 public health review fee at permitting.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Food handler card required; annual basic hygiene inspections cover handwashing.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only; no reduced oxygen packaging for cottage food.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	Yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required; part of biennial permit process (\$125 biennial + \$75 public health review + \$30 processing fee).
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Conditional — Franklin County (Pasco, Kennewick-Pasco-Richland metro area) may require local home occupation permits. No Franklin County-specific cottage food zoning rules identified. Operators should check with Franklin County Planning.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only in person; no internet or mail order; no out-of-state sales. Sales at farmers markets, events, home permitted with valid cottage food permit.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only permittee or persons under direct supervision during production.

**Relevant county code**

No Franklin County-specific cottage food code identified.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

No Franklin County-specific cottage food overrides found. Franklin County is in eastern Washington (Tri-Cities area: Pasco, Kennewick, Richland). Washington state rules apply. Franklin County Public Health is the local public health authority. Washington has burdensome permit/inspection requirements relative to most states.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

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

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

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

## State context — Washington cottage food law

Franklin 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.

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<b>STATUTE</b> RCW §69.22.010-.040	<b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b> —
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b> Yes	<b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b> Yes
<b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b> Yes	<b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b> Yes
<b>INDIRECT SALES</b> 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.	

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

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### 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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## Questions?

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