

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Alaska

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under AS 17.20.332.

STATUTE	TIER	IJ GRADE	COUNTIES COVERED	LAST VERIFIED
AS 17.20.332	Okay	C	29	2026-05-05

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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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Executive summary

This report covers the Alaska cottage food framework — the state statute, the regulatory body administering it, what producers can and cannot sell, and county-level rules layered on top of state law for the 29 Alaska counties included in this dataset.

ANNUAL SALES CAP

none

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

yes

FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION

no

KITCHEN INSPECTION

no

DIRECT SALES ONLY

no

INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE)

yes — Retail store sales are permitted; the store must display a sign indicating the food is homemade, may contain allergens, and is not regulated or inspected, and homemade products must be on a separate shelf from inspected foods.

RESEARCH NOTES

In 2024 Alaska replaced the old cottage food regulation (18 AAC 31.012) with a comprehensive food freedom law under HB 251 (AS 17.20.332-17.20.338), making it one of the most permissive states. The `statute_url` in the input references the old administrative code; the operative new statute is AS 17.20.332. The IJ grade of C predates the 2024 law and likely would be higher under current law. The Municipality of Anchorage has its own additional rules. A business license is required from the Alaska Dept. of Commerce. The old 18 AAC 31.012 rule (limited to \$25,000/yr, nonperishable, no home address required) still technically exists as an alternative option for producers who do not want to disclose their home address. State dept cottage food URL returned 404; current info at dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/.

Alaska Homemade Food Exemption (HB 251, 2024)

CITATION

AS 17.20.332

ENACTED

2024

LAST AMENDED

2024

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

Allowed foods

Producers can sell almost any type of homemade food, including perishable foods (e.g., baked goods, eggs, kombucha, fermented foods) and certain meat products under federal exemptions. Sales are allowed in-person, online (direct to consumer), and through retail stores with no annual sales cap.

Prohibited foods

Prohibited items include homemade dairy products (milk, ice cream, cheese, butter), seafood, oil rendered from animal fat, alcohol, cannabis, and game meat. Meat may be used only from federally exempt sources (USDA-inspected facility or own poultry under 1,000 birds). Perishable foods cannot be sold via third-party online food hub marketplaces.

Labeling requirements

Labels must include business address, business name, phone number, and the statement: 'This food was made in a home kitchen, is not regulated or inspected, except for meat and meat products, and may contain allergens.' Producers must also include their business license number on labels.

Statutory text — verbatim excerpt

Statute excerpt — verbatim

Sec. 17.20.332. Exemption for homemade food. (a) Except as otherwise provided in AS 17.20.332 - 17.20.338, a homemade food produced, sold, and consumed in compliance with this section is exempt from state labeling, licensing, packaging, permitting, and inspection requirements. (b) The sale of a homemade food under this section (1) is only for personal consumption; (2) must occur in the state at a farmers' market, an agricultural fair, a farm, a ranch, the producer's home or office, the retail location of a third-party seller, or a location agreed on between the producer and the buyer; and (3) may not involve (A) interstate commerce; or (B) the purchase or sale of (i) meat or meat products, except as provided in (h) of this section; (ii) seafood; (iii) a controlled substance; (iv) oil rendered from animal fat; or (v) game meat. (c) Except for raw, unprocessed fruits and vegetables, a homemade food may not be sold or used in a commercial food establishment. (d) A homemade food may be sold from a retail space located at a ranch, farm, or home where the homemade food is produced or at a retail location of a third-party seller. A retail space selling a homemade food shall prominently display a sign indicating that the homemade food was made in a home kitchen, may contain allergens, and is not, except for meat and meat products permitted under (h) of this section, regulated or inspected.

Source: https://www.akleg.gov/basis/get_documents.asp?docid=45718&session=33

Official sources

Statute <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/aac.asp#18.31.012>

State dept page <https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/food/cottage-food-exemption/>

Extension service <https://www.uaf.edu/ces/publications/database/catalog/hec/FNH-00130.pdf>

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

State dept of agriculture / health: [Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation](#)

County-level rules

The state statute above sets the floor. Each county may add a home-occupation permit, business license, or zoning rule on top of state law. The 29 Alaska counties below are sorted by population (largest first).

RANK 240 · FIPS 2020 · Anchorage

Anchorage Municipality

Population 290,674 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332; no state permit required beyond business license; no sales cap; kitchen inspection not required; both TCS and non-TCS foods allowed · **HIGH**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Home or leased kitchen required; sanitary conditions required; running water and refrigeration required (especially for TCS/PHF foods); no state kitchen inspection; non-PHF foods broadly available, PHF foods allowed with direct-consumer sales only
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Children and pets must not be in the kitchen during cottage food preparation (per MOA cottage food license requirements)
WATER SUPPLY	Running water required at kitchen facility
HANDWASHING	Proper handwashing required; food worker card required (MOA)
FOOD STORAGE	Adequate refrigeration required for TCS/PHF foods; sanitary storage for non-PHF foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Municipality of Anchorage may inspect on complaint or reported foodborne illness; MOA cottage food license required (\$25 annual fee)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Municipality of Anchorage requires an annual \$25 cottage food license from the Anchorage Health Department (AHD). Applicants must provide food worker card, product/ingredient list, pH/water activity test results for pickled/dried items. Annual sales cap of \$25,000 within MOA. Selling to restaurants, wholesalers, or online/phone/mail is not permitted within MOA
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
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ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer only; no sales to restaurants, wholesalers, or via internet/ phone/mail within MOA; \$25,000 annual sales cap within MOA
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified; cottage food operators must ensure food worker card compliance

Relevant county code

Municipality of Anchorage Cottage Food License requirements; AHD Health Permit

RESEARCH NOTES

Anchorage Municipality is notably more restrictive than state baseline: annual \$25 cottage food license required; \$25,000 local sales cap (vs no state cap); no online/phone/mail sales; food worker card required; no internet sales permitted. State baseline is permissive but MOA adds significant local requirements. MOA PDF source confirmed from muni.org.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/>

<https://www.muni.org/departments/health/admin/environment/fss/documents/new%20logo%20cottage%20food%20information%20final%2010.31.18.pdf>

<https://standscout.com/blog/alaska-cottage-food-laws-2026>

RANK 560 · FIPS 2170 · Palmer

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Population 108,661 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Alaska's 2024 Food Freedom Act (HB 251) replaced the prior cottage food law. Producers can sell almost any type of homemade food including perishable foods, eggs, kombucha, fermented foods. No annual sales cap. Indirect sales to retail stores allowed. A business license from the Alaska Dept. of Commerce is required. Prohibited: homemade dairy products (milk, ice cream, cheese, butter), seafood, oil rendered from animal fat, alcohol, cannabis, game meat. Perishable foods cannot be sold via third-party online food hub marketplaces.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction in the Food Freedom Act.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations under the 2024 law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices required.
FOOD STORAGE	Broad range allowed. Prohibited: homemade dairy, seafood, animal fat oil, alcohol, cannabis, game meat. Perishable items cannot be sold via third-party online food hub marketplaces.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspections under the 2024 Food Freedom Act.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Matanuska-Susitna Borough may have home occupation zoning requirements. The borough is largely rural and unincorporated areas may have minimal zoning. Incorporated areas (Palmer, Wasilla) would have municipal zoning rules. Alaska state business license required from the Alaska Dept. of Commerce.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales permitted in-person, online (direct to consumer), and through retail stores. No annual sales cap. Perishable foods cannot be sold via third-party online food hub marketplaces (direct online sales allowed).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No specific Matanuska-Susitna Borough code section identified for cottage food. State law governs: AS 17.20.332.

RESEARCH NOTES

Mat-Su Borough has no county URLs in the input. State baseline governs. Alaska's 2024 HB 251 (AS 17.20.332) is now one of the most permissive cottage food frameworks nationally. The old 18 AAC 31.012 rule still technically exists as an alternative option for producers who don't want to disclose their home address (limited to \$25,000/yr, nonperishable). Mat-Su Borough is the second-most-populous borough in Alaska. No borough-specific overrides found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/food/cottage-food-exemption/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/>

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Fairbanks North Star Borough

Population 96,299 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (HB 251, 2024 Food Freedom Act) · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Alaska's 2024 HB 251 (AS 17.20.332) replaced prior cottage food rules with a comprehensive food freedom law. Broad permission for homemade food sales including most perishable foods, eggs, kombucha, fermented foods, some meats. No annual sales cap. Food permit not required. Registration required. Interstate sales not allowed for TCS perishable foods via third-party online food hubs. Alaska business license required from Department of Commerce.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction under Alaska food freedom law; good manufacturing practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement stated in AS 17.20.332.
HANDWASHING	No specific statutory requirement for cottage food under AS 17.20.332.
FOOD STORAGE	Most non-potentially hazardous foods allowed without restriction; TCS foods allowed with certain conditions. Home dairy, seafood, alcohol, cannabis, game meat prohibited.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection required under AS 17.20.332; Alaska DEC Environmental Health Officers available for questions.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Fairbanks North Star Borough may have local home occupation or business rules. Municipality of Anchorage has its own additional rules but FNSB is a separate borough. Operators should check with FNSB community planning (907-459-1260) for home-based business requirements. Alaska business license required from ADOC.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer and in-store sales allowed for non-perishable foods. Perishable TCS foods cannot be sold via third-party online food hub marketplaces. Alaska business license required.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit in Alaska food freedom law.

Relevant county code

No FNSB-specific cottage food code identified; state law governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

No FNSB-specific cottage food rules found. Alaska's 2024 HB 251 (AS 17.20.332) is among the most permissive laws in the country, replacing prior limited rules. Prior 18 AAC 31.012 (\$25,000 cap, nonperishable only) still exists as an alternative for producers who do not want to disclose home address. DEC cottage food URL noted as previously returning 404; current page is dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food (confirmed active). Fairbanks North Star Borough is separate from Municipality of Anchorage and does not have Anchorage's additional cottage food rules.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/food/cottage-food-exemption/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/aac.asp#18.31.012>

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Population 59,235 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (Alaska Food Freedom Act, enacted 2024) ·

MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Alaska's 2024 Food Freedom Act (HB 251, AS 17.20.332) is one of the most permissive in the nation. Almost any homemade food can be sold including perishable foods. No sales cap. Business license required from AK Dept. of Commerce. Prohibited: homemade dairy, seafood, alcohol, cannabis, game meat.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state food freedom law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	No specific state cottage food storage requirement beyond general food safety.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection under the 2024 Food Freedom Act.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Kenai Peninsula Borough may have home occupation or business activity requirements. Operators should check with the Kenai Peninsula Borough Community Development Department. Note: Municipality of Anchorage (not applicable here) has its own additional rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Very broad under 2024 law: in-person, online direct to consumer, delivery. No third-party online food hub marketplace for perishable foods. Retail store sales allowed for non-perishable foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

Relevant county code

Kenai Peninsula Borough Code (business and zoning provisions); no specific cottage food borough code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

Alaska's 2024 HB 251 (AS 17.20.332-17.20.338) dramatically expanded cottage food. The old 18 AAC 31.012 rule (limited to \$25,000/yr, nonperishable, no home address required) still technically exists as an alternative for producers who prefer not to disclose their home address. A state business license from AK Dept. of Commerce is required. Kenai Peninsula Borough is a large rural borough in south-central Alaska. Prohibited: homemade dairy products, seafood, oil rendered from animal fat, alcohol, cannabis, and game meat. Perishable foods cannot be sold via third-party online food hub marketplaces.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/>

<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/aac.asp#18.31.012>

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Aleutians East Borough

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods (no temp control needed) allowed from home kitchen. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. No state permit required; local jurisdictions may add requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level; best practice is no pets in kitchen during production.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food; private well/septic not subject to state inspection for homemade food.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate for home kitchens.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food operations.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No state-level home occupation permit required. Aleutians East Borough is a rural borough with limited organized government; no known local home occupation ordinance found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found for Aleutians East Borough. Very rural, limited municipal infrastructure. Defaults to Alaska state homemade food law (AS 17.20.332). State law notes local jurisdictions (cities, boroughs) may have additional requirements; no such requirements found for this borough in available sources.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

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Aleutians West Census Area

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

RESEARCH NOTES

Aleutians West is a Census Area (unorganized borough) with no local government structure. No home occupation permit, zoning, or local cottage food rules apply. Entirely governed by state law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

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Bethel Census Area

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

RESEARCH NOTES

Bethel Census Area is an unorganized area with no local government structure. No home occupation permit, zoning, or local cottage food rules apply. Entirely governed by state law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

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Bristol Bay Borough

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Local borough may have additional requirements; none found.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Bristol Bay Borough has organized government but very small population (~1,000). No specific home occupation or cottage food ordinances found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

RESEARCH NOTES

Bristol Bay Borough is organized but very small. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. Defaults to Alaska state homemade food law. State law notes local jurisdictions may add requirements; none found for this borough.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.bbborough.com>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

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Denali Borough

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Local borough may have additional requirements; none found.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Denali Borough has organized government. No specific home occupation or cottage food ordinances found in search. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

RESEARCH NOTES

Denali Borough is organized with modest population (~2,000). No county-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. Defaults to Alaska state homemade food law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://denaliborough.org>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

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Dillingham Census Area

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

RESEARCH NOTES

Dillingham Census Area is an unorganized area with no local government structure. No home occupation permit, zoning, or local cottage food rules apply. Entirely governed by state law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

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Haines Borough

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Local borough may have additional requirements; none found.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Haines Borough has organized government. No specific home occupation or cottage food ordinances found in search. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

RESEARCH NOTES

Haines Borough is a small organized borough in Southeast Alaska (~2,600 population). No county-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. Defaults to Alaska state homemade food law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://hainesalaska.gov>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 2105 · —

Hoonah-Angoon Census Area

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

RESEARCH NOTES

Hoonah-Angoon Census Area is an unorganized area with no local government structure. No home occupation permit, zoning, or local cottage food rules apply. Entirely governed by state law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 2110 · —

Juneau City and Borough

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State law allows home kitchen production without permit. City and Borough of Juneau may have additional local requirements. State DEC FAQ notes 'these rules do not supersede Municipality of Anchorage or other city ordinances' and advises checking local requirements. Juneau's DEC Environmental Health Officer should be consulted.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level; local rules may apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336. Local CBJ health may have additional inspection authority.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — CBJ has zoning code that likely includes home occupation provisions. No specific home occupation permit requirement for cottage food found in available sources. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020. Producers should check with CBJ Community Development.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

RESEARCH NOTES

Juneau City and Borough is a unified city-borough. State DEC FAQ explicitly warns that city/borough ordinances may add requirements. CBJ has an organized government with planning/zoning capacity. No specific CBJ cottage food or home occupation ordinance was surfaced in research, but given CBJ's municipal sophistication, producers should verify with CBJ Community Development and Health & Social Services before operating.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://juneau.org/health-and-social-services>

<https://juneau.org/community-development>

<https://juneau.org>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/faq/>

<https://juneau.org/community-development/food-security>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 2130 · Ketchikan

Ketchikan Gateway Borough

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **HIGH**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State allows home kitchen production without permit. Ketchikan Gateway Borough has a zoning code that requires a zoning permit for home occupations in residential zones (KGBC 18.50.020(j)(1)). Home occupation must be clearly secondary to residential use.
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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific requirement; local home occupation code requires no evidence visible to neighbors.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement found.
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement found.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated locally for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — KGBC 18.50.020(j)(1) requires a zoning permit for home occupations in residential zones. Must submit floor plan and copy of Alaska Business License. Max 1 non-family employee on-site. Must not exceed 30% of gross floor area or one room. No exterior evidence beyond one sign per Chapter 18.80 KGBC. Restaurants are specifically prohibited as home occupations. Cottage industry (CI) overlay zone available for outlying areas with limited road access.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	1 non-family employee on-site (KGBC 18.50.020(j)(1)(d)(1))

Relevant county code

KGBC 18.50.020(j)(1); KGBC 18.40.020 (Cottage Industry overlay); AS 17.20.332

RESEARCH NOTES

Ketchikan Gateway Borough has a detailed zoning code with specific home occupation standards (KGBC 18.50.020(j)(1)). Key findings: zoning permit required, must submit floor plan and AK business license, max 1 non-resident employee, max 30% floor area or one room, no exterior evidence beyond one sign. Cottage Industry (CI) overlay zone available for outlying areas. Restaurants specifically prohibited as home occupations (cottage food baked goods/jams should qualify but producers should verify with borough planning). Note: KGBC code is online at ketchikangateway.borough.codes.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.kgbak.us/planning>

<https://www.kgbak.us>

[https://ketchikangateway.borough.codes/KGBC/18.50.020\(h\)\(1\)](https://ketchikangateway.borough.codes/KGBC/18.50.020(h)(1))

<https://ketchikangateway.borough.codes/KGBC/18.40.020>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 2150 · Kodiak

Kodiak Island Borough

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **HIGH**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State allows home kitchen production without permit. Kodiak Island Borough zoning code permits home occupations in single-family residential districts (KIBC 17.75.020). Home occupation must remain accessory and secondary to residential use, not changing residential character.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No Borough-specific requirement for cottage food. Home occupation must not create safety hazards (KIBC 17.25.090(F)).
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement found.
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement found.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated locally for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT yes — KIBC 17.25.090 defines home occupation requirements: must be contained entirely within residential building, max 25% of floor area (excluding basement/garage), max 1 non-resident employee at a time (additional parking space required if non-resident employed), no exterior visible evidence except one non-illuminated sign not exceeding 6 sq ft, no noise/fumes/odors detectable off-lot, deliveries only 8am-8pm and not parked >2 hours. Zoning compliance permit likely required per KIBC 17.15.060 for change of use.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce. Deliveries to premises allowed only 8am-8pm.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME 1 non-resident employee at a time (KIBC 17.25.090(A))

Relevant county code

KIBC 17.75.020; KIBC 17.25.090; KIBC 17.15.060; AS 17.20.332

RESEARCH NOTES

Kodiak Island Borough has detailed zoning code accessible at kodiakisland.borough.codes. Home occupations are permitted uses in R1 (single-family residential) zones. Key standards: max 25% floor area, 1 non-resident employee, one sign max 6 sq ft (non-illuminated), no off-lot detectable noise/odors, delivery hours 8am-8pm. Cottage food operations qualifying as home occupations should be permitted. Zoning compliance permit likely required per KIBC 17.15.060 for initial establishment.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.kodiakak.us/government/departments/community-development>

<https://www.kodiakak.us>

<https://kodiakisland.borough.codes/KIBC/17.25.090>

<https://kodiakisland.borough.codes/KIBC/17.75.020>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 2164 · —

Lake and Peninsula Borough

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Very remote borough; no local overrides found.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Lake and Peninsula Borough is very remote and sparsely populated. No home occupation or cottage food ordinances found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

RESEARCH NOTES

Lake and Peninsula Borough is extremely remote with very small, dispersed population. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. Defaults to Alaska state homemade food law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.lakeandpen.com>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 2180 · —

Nome Census Area

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

RESEARCH NOTES

Nome Census Area is an unorganized area with no local government structure. No home occupation permit, zoning, or local cottage food rules apply. Entirely governed by state law. Note: City of Nome within this census area may have its own rules for residents within city limits.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 2185 · Utqiagvik

North Slope Borough

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State allows home kitchen production without permit. North Slope Borough has organized government with planning and zoning department. NSB administers land use under Title 8 of NAB Code equivalent; Utqiagvik Zoning Commission is active.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state or borough level for cottage food.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement found.
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement found.

FOOD STORAGE Not specifically regulated locally for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED upon-complaint — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — North Slope Borough has organized government with Planning and Community Services Department (907-852-0320). Borough has land use permitting under NSB code. Village District Residential Permit (Form 700) required for residential development in Utqiagvik. No specific home occupation ordinance text found but producers should check with NSB Planning.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not found in available NSB code.

Relevant county code

NSB Title 8 (land use); AS 17.20.332

RESEARCH NOTES

North Slope Borough has organized government including Planning and Community Services and a Utqiagvik Zoning Commission. The NSB code is on Municode but specific home occupation provisions were not found in research. Given NSB is organized and has active zoning, producers should contact NSB Planning (907-852-0320, NSBPermitSubmittal@north-slope.org) before operating.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.north-slope.org/departments/planning-community-services/>

<https://www.north-slope.org>

<https://www.north-slope.org/departments/planning-community-services/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 2188 · Kotzebue

Northwest Arctic Borough

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State allows home kitchen production without permit. Northwest Arctic Borough (NAB) has organized government. NAB Planning Department administers land use under Title 8 of NABC (except City of Kotzebue). Protection of subsistence resources is highest priority.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state or borough level for cottage food.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement found.
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement found.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated locally for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — NAB Planning Department (163 Lagoon Street, Kotzebue, 907-442-2500) administers zoning under Title 8 NABC. No specific home occupation ordinance text found but borough has active planning function. Title 9 permits for development (mining, utilities, etc.); residential uses under Title 8. Note: City of Kotzebue has its own planning authority outside NAB jurisdiction.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not found in available NAB code.

Relevant county code

NABC Title 8; AS 17.20.332

RESEARCH NOTES

Northwest Arctic Borough has organized government with active Planning Department. NAB administers zoning under Title 8 NABC for unincorporated areas (City of Kotzebue has separate jurisdiction). No specific home occupation or cottage food ordinance text surfaced. Producers in unincorporated NAB should contact NAB Planning (907-442-2500) before operating.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.nwabor.org/departments/planning/>

<https://www.nwabor.org>

<https://www.nwabor.org/departments/planning/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 2195 · —

Petersburg Census Area

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Note: Petersburg became Petersburg Borough (unified city-borough) in 2013; may have organized government with local rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Petersburg is now an organized borough (Petersburg Borough formed 2013). No specific home occupation or cottage food ordinances found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

RESEARCH NOTES

FIPS 02195 was Petersburg Census Area; Petersburg Borough was formed in 2013 incorporating the old city. Now has organized borough government. No specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. Defaults to state law. Producers should check with Petersburg Borough for local requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.petersburgak.gov>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 2198 · —

Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

RESEARCH NOTES

Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area is an unorganized area in Southeast Alaska with no local government structure. No home occupation permit, zoning, or local cottage food rules apply. Entirely governed by state law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 2220 · Sitka

Sitka City and Borough

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State allows home kitchen production without permit. City and Borough of Sitka is a unified municipality with organized government and zoning. Local ordinances may add requirements. Producers should verify with Sitka Community Development.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level; local rules may apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement found.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Sitka is a unified city-borough with organized government and zoning. No specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance text found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020. Producers should check with Sitka Community Development Department.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not found in available sources.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

RESEARCH NOTES

City and Borough of Sitka is a unified municipality (~8,900 population) in Southeast Alaska. Has organized government with Community Development Department. No specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance text surfaced. State DEC FAQ warns that city ordinances may add requirements. Producers should verify with Sitka before operating.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.cityofsitka.com/government/departments/commdev/>

<https://www.cityofsitka.com>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 2230 · —

Skagway Municipality

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State allows home kitchen production without permit. Municipality of Skagway has organized government (very small ~1,200 population). Local ordinances may add requirements. Producers should verify with Skagway municipality.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.

WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement found.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Skagway is an organized municipality. No specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance text found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not found in available sources.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

RESEARCH NOTES

Municipality of Skagway is very small (~1,200) but organized. No specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance text found. Defaults to state law. Producers should verify with Skagway municipality before operating.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.skagway.gov>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 2240 · —

Southeast Fairbanks Census Area

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

RESEARCH NOTES

Southeast Fairbanks Census Area is an unorganized area with no local government structure. No home occupation permit, zoning, or local cottage food rules apply. Entirely governed by state law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 2261 · —

Valdez-Cordova Census Area

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census area; no organized borough government. Cities of Valdez and Cordova within this area may have their own rules.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances for unincorporated areas. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020. Residents in City of Valdez or City of Cordova should check those cities' regulations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

RESEARCH NOTES

Valdez-Cordova Census Area is an unorganized area. The incorporated cities of Valdez and Cordova within this area have their own municipal governments that may have additional requirements. For unincorporated areas, state law governs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 2270 · —

Wade Hampton Census Area

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.

FOOD STORAGE Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no — Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020. Note: This area is now part of Kusilvak Census Area (renamed 2015) but FIPS 02270 still used.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

RESEARCH NOTES

Wade Hampton Census Area (now Kusilvak Census Area, renamed 2015) is an unorganized area in western Alaska (YK Delta region). No local government structure. No home occupation permit, zoning, or local cottage food rules apply. Entirely governed by state law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 2275 · —

Wrangell City and Borough

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State allows home kitchen production without permit. City and Borough of Wrangell is a unified municipality (~2,400 population). Local ordinances may add requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement found.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Wrangell is a unified city-borough. No specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance text found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not found in available sources.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

RESEARCH NOTES

City and Borough of Wrangell is a unified municipality in Southeast Alaska. No specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance text found. Defaults to state law. Producers should verify with Wrangell before operating.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.wrangell.com>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 2282 · —

Yakutat City and Borough

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State allows home kitchen production without permit. City and Borough of Yakutat is a unified municipality (~600 population, very small). Local ordinances may add requirements but given small size, minimal local regulatory capacity expected.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement found.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Yakutat is a very small unified city-borough. No specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance text found. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not found in available sources.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

RESEARCH NOTES

City and Borough of Yakutat is one of the smallest organized municipalities in Alaska (~600 population). No specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance text found. Practically governed by state law. No active government website found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 2290 · —

Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area

Population 0 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-consumer by producer only. Census areas have no organized borough government. Largest census area in the US by area; extremely rural.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified at state level.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Good food safety practices expected; no formal state mandate.

FOOD STORAGE Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no — Census areas in Alaska have no organized borough government and thus no local zoning or home occupation ordinances. Alaska Business License required per AS 43.70.020.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not regulated at state level for cottage food.

Relevant county code

AS 17.20.332; 18 AAC 31.012

RESEARCH NOTES

Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area is the largest census area in the US by land area and is entirely unorganized. No local government structure. No home occupation permit, zoning, or local cottage food rules apply. Entirely governed by state law.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/cottage-food>

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