

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Fairbanks North Star Borough

Alaska · Fairbanks · FIPS 02090 · Population 96,299 ·
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STATE BASELINE

AS 17.20.332 (HB 251, 2024 Food Freedom Act)

STATE TIER

Okay

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

—

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.

How to start — 60-second path

Fairbanks North Star Borough, Alaska — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific restriction under Alaska food freedom law; good manufacturing practices recommended.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Alaska cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ Alaska home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Alaska label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

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 KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under Alaska food freedom law; good manufacturing practices recommended.

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.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under AS 17.20.332; Alaska DEC Environmental Health Officers available for questions.)

Home kitchen rules

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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>

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/alaska/fairbanks-north-star-borough-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Fairbanks North Star Borough	Denali Borough	Southeast Fairbanks Census Area
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific restriction under Alaska food freedom law; good manufacturing practices recommended.	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer and in-store sales allowed for non-perishable foods. Perishable TCS foods cannot be sold via third-party online food hub...	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	Alaska's 2024 HB 251 (AS 17.20.332) replaced prior cottage food rules with a comprehensive food freedom law. Broad permission for homemade ...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...
FOOD STORAGE	Most non-potentially hazardous foods allowed without restriction; TCS foods allowed with certain conditions. Home dairy, seafood, alcohol, ...	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	96,299	2,101	6,888

State context — Alaska cottage food law

Fairbanks North Star Borough's rules sit on top of Alaska's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
AS 17.20.332	—
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
Yes	No
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	No
INDIRECT SALES	
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.	

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Alaska cottage food law report](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/alaska.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

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

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

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

Questions about Fairbanks North Star Borough? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

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Classifieds

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