

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Ketchikan Gateway Borough

Alaska · Ketchikan · FIPS 02130 · Population 13,677 · Crosodo
Index #2574*

STATE BASELINE

AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law)

STATE TIER

Okay

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

—

CONFIDENCE

HIGH

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-06

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

Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Alaska — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

No specific requirement; local home occupation code requires no evidence visible to neighbors.

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.

ALASKA: KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

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.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific requirement; local home occupation code requires no evidence visible to neighbors.

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.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.)

Home kitchen rules

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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

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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>

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[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/>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Ketchikan Gateway Borough	Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area	Wrangell City and Borough
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific requirement; local home occupation code requires no evidence visible to neighbors.	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	No	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	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.	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	Yes	No	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	No	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	State allows home kitchen production without permit. Ketchikan Gateway Borough has a zoning code that requires a zoning permit for home occ...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	State allows home kitchen production without permit. City and Borough of Wrangell is a unified municipality (~2,400 population). Local ordi...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated locally for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	13,910	5,799	2,134

State context — Alaska cottage food law

Ketchikan Gateway 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 Ketchikan Gateway Borough? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

crosodo.com/nb/alaska/ketchikan-gateway-borough-discuss

Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · crosodo.com/advertise

NATIONAL

SUPPLIES

Advertise here — Supplies

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Reach home bakers across the country. crosodo.com/advertise

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Advertise here — Insurance

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LOCAL

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