

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Northwest Arctic Borough

Alaska · Kotzebue · FIPS 02188 · Population 7,134 · Crosodo Index #2604*

STATE BASELINE

AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law)

STATE TIER

Okay

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

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

Northwest Arctic 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?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

Not specified at state or borough level for cottage food.

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: NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

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 KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state or borough level for cottage food.

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.)

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

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

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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/>

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<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/northwest-arctic-borough-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Northwest Arctic Borough	Nome Census Area	North Slope Borough
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state or borough level for cottage food.	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state or borough level for cottage food.
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	Varies	No	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	No	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	State allows home kitchen production without permit. Northwest Arctic Borough (NAB) has organized government. NAB Planning Department admin...	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. North Slope Borough has organized government with planning and zoning department. NSB ...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated locally for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated locally for cottage food.
POPULATION	7,682	10,018	10,924

State context — Alaska cottage food law

Northwest Arctic 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

AS 17.20.332

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

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 Northwest Arctic 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/northwest-arctic-borough-discuss

Classifieds

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INSURANCE

Advertise here — Insurance

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