

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Sitka City and Borough

Alaska · Sitka · FIPS 02220 · Population 8,355 · Crosodo Index #2602*

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

Sitka City and 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 level; local rules may apply.

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: SITKA CITY AND BOROUGH

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Sitka City and BoroughPopulation 8,355 · State baseline: AS 17.20.332 (AK homemade food law) · **MEDIUM****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****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 KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified at state level; local rules may apply.

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.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

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

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>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Sitka City and Borough	Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state level; local rules may apply.	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Yes	Yes
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	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	State allows home kitchen production without permit. City and Borough of Sitka is a unified municipality with organized government and zoni...	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	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	8,462	2,329	5,799

State context — Alaska cottage food law

Sitka City and 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 Sitka City and 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/sitka-city-and-borough-discuss

Classifieds

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

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Advertise here — Insurance

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