

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Ascension Parish

Louisiana · Donaldsonville · FIPS 22005 · Population 126,973
· Crosodo Index #2441*

STATE BASELINE

La. R.S. §40:4.9 (cottage food); \$30,000 annual sales cap; no registration required; direct and limited indirect sales; no inspection required

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Okay	30000	MEDIUM	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

Ascension Parish, Louisiana — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

30000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION

No

PETS

State law requires pets excluded from preparation areas for bread/cake/cookie/pie producers; general state sanitation standards apply.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Louisiana 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
- ☐ Louisiana home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Louisiana label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

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

LOUISIANA: ASCENSION PARISH

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Louisiana state law allows cottage food production from a primary residence home kitchen. Ascension Parish unincorporated areas follow state law baseline. No commercial kitchen required for qualifying low-risk foods.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Ascension Parish requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use; no external signage, no on-site employees typical. Application through Ascension Parish Planning and Development (ascensionparish.net). Separate Business Occupancy Permit may also apply.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Louisiana state law does not require routine inspections for cottage food operations. Complaint-driven investigation possible.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Louisiana state law allows cottage food production from a primary residence home kitchen. Ascension Parish unincorporated areas follow state law baseline. No commercial kitchen required for qualifying low-risk foods.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State law requires pets excluded from preparation areas for bread/cake/cookie/pie producers; general state sanitation standards apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required per state food safety standards; no specific parish overlay found.
HANDWASHING	Standard state food safety handwashing requirements apply.
FOOD STORAGE	Refrigeration must be maintained at 45°F or below for perishable ingredients (state rule). Shelf-stable products stored in clean, sanitary conditions.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Louisiana state law does not require routine inspections for cottage food operations. Complaint-driven investigation possible.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Ascension Parish requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business must be secondary to residential use; no external signage, no on-site employees typical. Application through Ascension Parish Planning and Development (ascensionparish.net). Separate Business Occupancy Permit may also apply.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales allowed; customer pickup subject to home occupation permit conditions. Louisiana allows limited indirect sales (not applicable to bread/cake/cookies/pies which must be direct only). Sales tax certificate from parish of sale required.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No employees permitted for bread/cake/cookie/pie category; general cottage food may vary. Home occupation permit typically allows no on-site non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code (home occupation provisions); La. R.S. §40:4.9

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (LA tier Okay). Louisiana cottage food law (La. R.S. §40:4.9) allows low-risk foods with \$30,000 annual cap. Ascension Parish unincorporated areas require a home occupation permit per CityRuleLookup and parish permitting page. CityRuleLookup references RS 40:4.14 as a related Louisiana provision; operative cottage food law is §40:4.9. No direct parish health or planning URL found in input; ascensionparish.net confirmed active. Confidence medium: state baseline clear, parish zoning overlay confirmed via secondary source but no direct parish code URL verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.ascensionparish.net>

<https://www.ascensionparish.net/1-permitting/>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/ascension-parish-la>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/ascension-parish-la>

<https://ldh.la.gov/page/cottage-food-laws>

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/louisiana/ascension-parish-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Ascension Parish	Livingston Parish	East Baton Rouge Parish
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	State law requires pets excluded from preparation areas for bread/cake/cookie/pie producers; general state sanitation standards apply.	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas.	Pets must be excluded from bakery area during production of breads, cakes, cookies, and pies.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales allowed; customer pickup subject to home occupation permit conditions. Louisiana allows limited indirect sales (no...	Indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods. Direct sales permitted from home, farmers markets, events. No wholesaling to retail chains.	Direct-to-consumer sales permitted. Most low-risk foods (except baked goods like breads/cakes/cookies/pies) may also be sold indirectly. Ba...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Louisiana state law allows cottage food production from a primary residence home kitchen. Ascension Parish unincorporated areas follow stat...	Annual gross sales capped at \$30,000. Sales of the four named baked goods categories (breads, cakes, cookies, pies) require: no employee as...	Louisiana allows low-risk foods prepared at home for sale under La. R.S. §40:4.9. No state permit required for most low-risk foods. Annual ...
FOOD STORAGE	Refrigeration must be maintained at 45°F or below for perishable ingredients (state rule). Shelf-stable products stored in clean, sanitary ...	Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated at 45°F or below. Finished shelf-stable products stored in food-safe containers.	Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated at 45°F or below. Non-TCS finished products.
POPULATION	126,973	143,425	454,369

State context — Louisiana cottage food law

Ascension Parish's rules sit on top of Louisiana's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
La. R.S. §40:4.13	30000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
No	No
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	No
INDIRECT SALES	
Limited (see notes) — Most low-risk foods may be sold indirectly (to restaurants, retail stores), but breads, cakes, cookies, and pies specifically may NOT be sold to any retail business or individual for resale — they are direct-to-consumer only.	

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=98863>

State dept cottage food page: <https://ldh.la.gov/page/cottage-food-laws>

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

Questions about Ascension Parish? 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/louisiana/ascension-parish-discuss

Classifieds

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