

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

East Baton Rouge Parish

Louisiana · Baton Rouge · FIPS 22033 · Population 454,369 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
La. R.S. §40:4.9	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

East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Conditional

STATE SALES CAP

30000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Pets must be excluded from bakery area during production of breads, cakes, cookies, and pies.

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

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[Louisiana 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?

Conditional (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 gross sales cap \$30,000. Allowed foods include baked goods, candies, cane syrup, dried mixes, honey, jams/jellies/preserves, pickles/acidified foods, sauces, syrups, spices. No animal muscle protein or fish protein. For breads/cakes/cookies/pies: no employees may assist; pets excluded from bakery area; refrigeration at 45°F or below for perishables; custard/cream-filled items must use pasteurized dairy. Local sales tax certificate from the parish required. Baton Rouge/EBR also requires home occupation compliance and local occupational license.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Pets must be excluded from bakery area during production of breads, cakes, cookies, and pies.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (East Baton Rouge Parish (City-Parish) requires home occupation compliance under Planning Commission rules. Home-based businesses must comply with home occupation regulations (limiting traffic, signage, employees on-site). An EBR occupational license is typically required. Contact City-Parish Planning Commission for home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required for cottage food operations under La. R.S. §40:4.9.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Pets must be excluded from bakery area during production of breads, cakes, cookies, and pies.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific state requirement for cottage food operations.

HANDWASHING

Standard food safety practices required.

FOOD STORAGE

Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated at 45°F or below. Non-TCS finished products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required for cottage food operations under La. R.S. §40:4.9.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — East Baton Rouge Parish (City-Parish) requires home occupation compliance under Planning Commission rules. Home-based businesses must comply with home occupation regulations (limiting traffic, signage, employees on-site). An EBR occupational license is typically required. Contact City-Parish Planning Commission for home occupation permit requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales permitted. Most low-risk foods (except baked goods like breads/cakes/cookies/pies) may also be sold indirectly. Baked goods are direct-to-consumer only; no retail resale of baked goods. Local sales tax certificate required from EBR Parish before selling.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No employees allowed to assist in production of breads, cakes, cookies, or pies. Other low-risk food categories not explicitly restricted.

Relevant county code

La. R.S. §40:4.9 (state cottage food law); EBR City-Parish Code re: home occupations and occupational licenses.

RESEARCH NOTES

Louisiana cottage food statute (La. R.S. §40:4.9) well-documented via National Agricultural Law Center PDF. \$30,000 cap raised from \$20,000 by HB 828 (Act 357, 2022). EBR Parish requires local occupational license and sales tax certificate. Home occupation zoning rules apply but specific EBR ordinance not fully researched. No state permit required (no registration). Notable restriction: no employees for baked goods production. Confidence medium: state baseline verified; EBR local rules not directly confirmed from .gov source.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.brla.gov>

<https://nationalaglawcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/assets/cottagefood/Louisiana.pdf>

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

<https://businesslicenseguide.com/baton-rouge-la-business-license-guide/>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

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

State context — Louisiana cottage food law

East Baton Rouge 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 East Baton Rouge Parish? 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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