

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Jefferson Parish

Louisiana · Gretna · FIPS 22051 · Population 436,171 ·
Crosodo Index #2587*

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

Jefferson 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 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

[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.

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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. Annual gross sales cap \$30,000. Allowed foods: 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. Jefferson Parish requires a local sales tax certificate and home occupation compliance.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Jefferson Parish has home occupation provisions in its zoning code. Home-based businesses in residential zones require compliance with home occupation standards. A local occupational license or home occupation permit may be required. Parish Council contact: jeffparish.net.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under state cottage food statute.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Pets 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 refrigerated at 45°F or below. Non-TCS finished products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — No routine inspection required under state cottage food statute.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales. Most low-risk foods (except baked goods) may also be sold indirectly. Baked goods (breads/cakes/cookies/pies) are direct-to-consumer only; no retail resale. Local sales tax certificate from Jefferson Parish required before selling.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No employees allowed to assist in production of breads, cakes, cookies, or pies per state law.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

Louisiana cottage food statute (La. R.S. §40:4.9) well-documented. Jefferson Parish cottage food rules follow state baseline; parish-specific home occupation and occupational license requirements not directly researched from parish .gov source. \$30,000 cap (raised from \$20,000 in 2022). Notable: no employees allowed for baked goods production. Local sales tax certificate required from Jefferson Parish before any sales. Confidence medium: state law high-confidence; parish-specific zoning/licensing not directly verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.jeffparish.gov>

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

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Jefferson Parish	Orleans Parish	St. Tammany Parish
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets excluded from bakery area during production of breads, cakes, cookies, and pies.	Pets excluded from bakery area during production of breads, cakes, cookies, and pies.	Pets must be excluded from preparation areas during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales. Most low-risk foods (except baked goods) may also be sold indirectly. Baked goods (breads/cakes/cookies/pies) are...	Direct-to-consumer sales. Most low-risk foods (except baked goods) may also be sold indirectly. Baked goods (breads/cakes/cookies/pies) are...	Some indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods; the four named baked-goods categories (breads/cakes/cookies/pies) have stricter direct...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	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. Annual gross sales cap \$30,000....	Louisiana allows low-risk foods prepared at home for sale under La. R.S. §40:4.9. No state permit required. Annual gross sales cap \$30,000....	Low-risk non-TCS foods only; \$30,000 annual sales cap (raised from \$20,000 by HB 828, Act 357, 2022). Sales tax certificate from parish of ...
FOOD STORAGE	Perishable ingredients refrigerated at 45°F or below. Non-TCS finished products.	Perishable ingredients refrigerated at 45°F or below. Non-TCS finished products.	Non-TCS; refrigerated ingredients must be held at 45°F or below; finished products must be shelf-stable
POPULATION	436,171	380,408	266,168

State context — Louisiana cottage food law

Jefferson 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 Jefferson 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/jefferson-parish-discuss

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