

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

St. Charles Parish

Louisiana · Hahnville · FIPS 22089 · Population 52,191 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
La. R.S. §40:4.9	Okay	30000	HIGH	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

St. Charles 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

Pets excluded from preparation areas required for breads/cakes/cookies/pies (four named baked goods categories).

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?

Yes (Production in home kitchen. Annual gross sales cap of \$30,000. Allowed low-risk foods include baked goods, candies, cane syrup, dried mixes, honey, jams/jellies/preserves, pickles/acidified foods, sauces, syrups, spices. No animal or fish muscle protein. Custard/cream-filled bakery products require pasteurized dairy and temperature controls.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Pets excluded from preparation areas required for breads/cakes/cookies/pies (four named baked goods categories).

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (St. Charles Parish requires a Home Occupation Permit (\$100 fee). Key restrictions: no sales of products or services at home occupation location unless specifically authorized by the Planning Director; no signs of any type; no customer visits unless authorized; only family residents may engage in the occupation (no outside employees); storage limited to 20% of gross floor area inside building; hand tools and minor equipment only (max 2 hp per piece, 6 hp total). Must obtain parish Occupational License and Health Certificate when required.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No inspection required by state. St. Charles Parish Planning & Zoning may inspect home occupation compliance.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Pets excluded from preparation areas required for breads/cakes/cookies/pies (four named baked goods categories).

WATER SUPPLY

Not specified in state law.

HANDWASHING

Standard sanitation required. Specific equipment sanitation requirements apply to the four named baked goods categories.

FOOD STORAGE

Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated at 45°F or below for the four named baked goods categories.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No inspection required by state. St. Charles Parish Planning & Zoning may inspect home occupation compliance.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — St. Charles Parish requires a Home Occupation Permit (\$100 fee). Key restrictions: no sales of products or services at home occupation location unless specifically authorized by the Planning Director; no signs of any type; no customer visits unless authorized; only family residents may engage in the occupation (no outside employees); storage limited to 20% of gross floor area inside building; hand tools and minor equipment only (max 2 hp per piece, 6 hp total). Must obtain parish Occupational License and Health Certificate when required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	No customer visits or on-site sales unless specifically authorized by the Planning Director. Sales must occur through other direct-to-consumer channels. A sales tax certificate from the parish of sale is required before selling.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only family members who reside at the home; no outside employees permitted.

Relevant county code

St. Charles Parish Home Occupation Ordinance; St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances (home occupation regulations)

RESEARCH NOTES

Found specific St. Charles Parish Home Occupation Permit application form with detailed rules. No on-site sales unless specifically authorized by Planning Director — this is a significant restriction for cottage food customer pickup. \$100 permit fee. Only resident family members may work in the occupation. Parish Occupational License also required. State law allows cottage food sales but parish zoning creates a restrictive home occupation framework. Sales tax certificate from parish required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.stcharlesparish.gov/departments/planning-and-zoning/planning-and-zoning-faqs>

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

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<https://www.stcharlesparish.gov/departments/planning-and-zoning/permits-and-applications>

<https://stcharlesgov.legistar.com/View.ashx?GUID=D07A6AF2-27A8-4F3A-A1B4-4C3C1BDC7B90&ID=3200067&M=F>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	St. Charles Parish	Lafourche Parish	Jefferson Parish
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets excluded from preparation areas required for breads/cakes/cookies/pies (four named baked goods categories).	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas during production of breads, cakes, cookies, and pies.	Pets 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	No customer visits or on-site sales unless specifically authorized by the Planning Director. Sales must occur through other direct-to-consumers.	Direct and indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods. Sales at farmers markets, events, from home, and to retail stores permitted. Sales...	Direct-to-consumer sales. Most low-risk foods (except baked goods) may also be sold indirectly. Baked goods (breads/cakes/cookies/pies) are...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Production in home kitchen. Annual gross sales cap of \$30,000. Allowed low-risk foods include baked goods, candies, cane syrup, dried mixes...	Louisiana cottage food law allows low-risk foods including baked goods, cane syrup, dried mixes, honey, jams/jellies/preserves, pickles and...	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....
FOOD STORAGE	Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated at 45°F or below for the four named baked goods categories.	Perishable ingredients requiring refrigeration must be kept at 45°F or below. Products must be shelf-stable or meet temperature requirement...	Perishable ingredients refrigerated at 45°F or below. Non-TCS finished products.
POPULATION	52,191	97,220	436,171

State context — Louisiana cottage food law

St. Charles 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 St. Charles 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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