

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

St. Tammany Parish

Louisiana · Covington · FIPS 22103 · Population 266,168 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
La. R.S. §40:4.13	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

St. Tammany 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 must be excluded from preparation areas during production

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 (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 sale required before selling. Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas. No employees may assist in production of certain baked goods categories.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Pets must be excluded from preparation areas during production

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (St. Tammany Parish allows home occupations as accessory use in residential zones. Business license and home occupation permit typically required. Business must be secondary to residential use. No external signage, typically no on-site employees, limited customer visits. Cities of Covington, Slidell, and Mandeville have city-specific rules that may differ.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required; state law does not require inspection for cottage food)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Pets must be excluded from preparation areas during production

WATER SUPPLY

Potable water supply required

HANDWASHING

Basic food safety handwashing practices required

FOOD STORAGE

Non-TCS; refrigerated ingredients must be held at 45°F or below; finished products must be shelf-stable

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Some indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods; the four named baked-goods categories (breads/cakes/cookies/pies) have stricter direct-only rules. Sales tax certificate required.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No employees may assist in production of breads, cakes, cookies, or pies categories

Relevant county code

La. R.S. §40:4.9 (cottage food statute); St. Tammany Parish Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions)

RESEARCH NOTES

St. Tammany Parish follows Louisiana state cottage food law (La. R.S. §40:4.9; possibly §40:4.13 per input). \$30,000 cap confirmed. Parish requires home occupation permit and business license. CityRuleLookup references RS 40:4.14 which may reflect a newer section number. No direct parish .gov cottage food source found. Confidence medium — state law and CityRuleLookup confirm framework but no direct parish ordinance text retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.stpgov.org>

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

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

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	St. Tammany Parish	Orleans Parish	Jefferson Parish
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets must be excluded from preparation areas during production	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.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Some indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods; the four named baked-goods categories (breads/cakes/cookies/pies) have stricter direct...	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...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	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 ...	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....
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS; refrigerated ingredients must be held at 45°F or below; finished products must be shelf-stable	Perishable ingredients refrigerated at 45°F or below. Non-TCS finished products.	Perishable ingredients refrigerated at 45°F or below. Non-TCS finished products.
POPULATION	266,168	380,408	436,171

State context — Louisiana cottage food law

St. Tammany 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. Tammany 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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