

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Harrison County

Mississippi · Gulfport · FIPS 28047 · Population 208,748 ·
Crosodo Index #2423*

STATE BASELINE

Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

35000

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

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

Harrison County, Mississippi — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

35000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

No explicit state-level pet restriction documented for Mississippi cottage food operations. Standard sanitation practices apply.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Mississippi 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 (Mississippi state law (§75-29-951) permits home kitchen production of non-potentially hazardous foods. Annual sales cap: \$35,000. Direct sales only; no internet, mail order, wholesale, or retail establishment sales. Harrison County is a Gulf Coast county; county seat is Gulfport (co-seat with Biloxi historically). No county-specific cottage food overrides documented.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state-level pet restriction documented for Mississippi cottage food operations. Standard sanitation practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Harrison County and cities (Gulfport, Biloxi, Long Beach, Pass Christian) may require home occupation permits or business licenses. No specific county-level cottage food permit documented beyond state law exemption. Contact Harrison County or relevant municipal planning/zoning office.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Mississippi State Department of Health may inspect upon consumer complaint or foodborne illness investigation.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state-level pet restriction documented for Mississippi cottage food operations. Standard sanitation practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement documented for Mississippi cottage food operations.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP; no specific statutory requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only. Standard safe storage practices.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Mississippi State Department of Health may inspect upon consumer complaint or foodborne illness investigation.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Harrison County and cities (Gulfport, Biloxi, Long Beach, Pass Christian) may require home occupation permits or business licenses. No specific county-level cottage food permit documented beyond state law exemption. Contact Harrison County or relevant municipal planning/zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Mississippi cottage food law restricts to direct sales to consumers. Home pickup permitted. No internet, mail order, or wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No explicit employee limit in Mississippi cottage food statute.

Relevant county code

Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951; Harrison County zoning (contact for home occupation details)

RESEARCH NOTES

Harrison County seat is Gulfport (inferred from general knowledge; FIPS 28047 is Harrison County, MS). Mississippi state baseline applied. No county-specific overrides found. \$35,000 annual cap confirmed in current statute.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.harrisoncountymiss.gov>

https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/30,0,77,620.html

<https://law.justia.com/codes/mississippi/title-75/chapter-29/article-21/section-75-29-951/>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Harrison County	Jackson County	Pearl River County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state-level pet restriction documented for Mississippi cottage food operations. Standard sanitation practices apply.	Not explicitly prohibited by state statute, but kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.	No specific MS state or Pearl River County restriction found.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Mississippi cottage food law restricts to direct sales to consumers. Home pickup permitted. No internet, mail order, or wholesale.	Direct sales only — at farmers markets, roadside stands, home pickup. No online sales, mail order, or wholesale allowed under the cottage f...	Direct sales only: at home, farmers markets, events. No internet or mail-order sales permitted under MS law.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Mississippi state law (§75-29-951) permits home kitchen production of non-potentially hazardous foods. Annual sales cap: \$35,000. Direct sa...	Sales limited to direct-to-consumer only. Annual gross sales capped at \$35,000. No internet sales, mail order, wholesale, or retail establi...	Nonpotentially hazardous foods only including baked goods, candies, condiments, dry goods, fermented foods, pastries, preserves, snacks. An...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only. Standard safe storage practices.	All products must be non-potentially hazardous (shelf-stable). Stored in food-safe sealed containers.	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable products. Proper storage to prevent contamination.
POPULATION	208,748	143,721	56,351

State context — Mississippi cottage food law

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

STATUTE

Miss. Code Ann. §75-29-951

ANNUAL SALES CAP

35000

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

INDIRECT SALES

No — Mississippi prohibits Internet sales, mail order, wholesale, and retail establishment sales. Cottage food products may only be sold through in-person direct-to-consumer channels including events, farmers markets, home sales, and roadside stands. Advertising on the Internet including social media is permitted even though sales through those channels are not.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://law.justia.com/codes/mississippi/title-75/chapter-29/article-21/section-75-29-951/>

State dept cottage food page: <https://msdh.ms.gov/page/30,0,76.html>

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

Questions about Harrison County? 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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Classifieds

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