

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Washington County

Oklahoma · Bartlesville · FIPS 40147 · Population 52,579 ·
Crosodo Index #343*

STATE BASELINE

2 O.S. §5-4.1 through §5-4.6 (Homemade Food Freedom Act)

STATE TIER

Freedom

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

75000

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

Washington County, Oklahoma — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

75000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Not specified in state law.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Oklahoma 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 at residence required. For non-TCS foods: no license, inspection, or registration required. For TCS foods: must complete approved food safety training (ServSafe or ODAFF-approved, ≤8 hours) before selling. Gross annual sales must not exceed \$75,000.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state law.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (City of Bartlesville requires a Home Occupation License in addition to a Business License for home-based businesses within city limits. Washington County's Metropolitan Planning Area zoning regulations (for unincorporated areas within 3 miles of Bartlesville city limits or 0.5 miles of US Hwy 75) also contain home occupation provisions. State law (§5-4.6) allows counties to enact ordinances regulating home food establishments as long as they do not conflict with or restrict the Homemade Food Freedom Act.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No inspection required. ODAFF may request proof of food safety training completion, verify gross sales, and ensure labeling compliance upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Production at residence required. For non-TCS foods: no license, inspection, or registration required. For TCS foods: must complete approved food safety training (ServSafe or ODAFF-approved, ≤8 hours) before selling. Gross annual sales must not exceed \$75,000.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state law.
HANDWASHING	Not specified in state law beyond standard practice.
FOOD STORAGE	Not specified in state law; standard food safety practices implied.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No inspection required. ODAFF may request proof of food safety training completion, verify gross sales, and ensure labeling compliance upon complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — City of Bartlesville requires a Home Occupation License in addition to a Business License for home-based businesses within city limits. Washington County's Metropolitan Planning Area zoning regulations (for unincorporated areas within 3 miles of Bartlesville city limits or 0.5 miles of US Hwy 75) also contain home occupation provisions. State law (§5-4.6) allows counties to enact ordinances regulating home food establishments as long as they do not conflict with or restrict the Homemade Food Freedom Act.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed on-site, by delivery, at farmers markets, through cooperatives, and through membership-based buying clubs. Non-TCS foods may also be sold through third-party vendors (retail/grocery stores, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs) if vendor displays required allergen/unlicensed disclosure placard.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law; local home occupation rules may restrict.

Relevant county code

Bartlesville-Washington County Metropolitan Planning Area Zoning Regulations (Section 7.2 Home Occupations); 2 O.S. §5-4.1 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Oklahoma's Homemade Food Freedom Act (HB 1032, 2021) is highly permissive. City of Bartlesville requires both a Business License and a Home Occupation License for home-based businesses. Washington County-Bartlesville joint zoning regulations apply to unincorporated areas within the Metropolitan Planning Area. State law explicitly allows counties to enact non-conflicting ordinances. No county-level cottage food restrictions beyond the city/planning area zoning rules found. \$75,000 annual sales cap applies statewide.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.washingtoncounty.gov>

<https://oklahoma.gov/health/protective-health/consumer-health-service/food-safety/homemade-food-freedom-act.html>

<https://cityofbartlesville.org/community-development/business-development/>

<https://mcclibraryfunctions.azurewebsites.us/api/ordinanceDownload/16053/460564/pdf>

https://www.oklegislature.gov/cf_pdf/2021-22%20ENR/hB/HB1032%20ENR.PDF

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Washington County	Rogers County	Tulsa County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state law.	No specific restriction under Oklahoma Homemade Food Freedom Act.	Not specified in statute
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales allowed on-site, by delivery, at farmers markets, through cooperatives, and through membership-based buying clubs. Non-TCS foods may ...	Direct and indirect sales allowed per Oklahoma Homemade Food Freedom Act. Retail, online, farmers markets, events all permitted for non-TCS...	Oklahoma Homemade Food Freedom Act: broad direct and limited indirect sales. Online, events, home sales permitted. \$75,000 annual cap.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Production at residence required. For non-TCS foods: no license, inspection, or registration required. For TCS foods: must complete approve...	Oklahoma Homemade Food Freedom Act (2 O.S. §5-4.1 through §5-4.6): \$75,000 annual sales cap. No registration, no inspection required. Non-T...	Oklahoma 'Freedom' tier: all homemade food products produced at residence allowed. No registration for non-TCS foods. TCS foods require foo...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specified in state law; standard food safety practices implied.	Non-TCS foods are broadly allowed; TCS foods require food safety training before sale.	TCS foods must be stored at proper temperatures; standard practices for non-TCS
POPULATION	52,579	95,870	668,923

State context — Oklahoma cottage food law

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

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
2 O.S. §5-4.1 through §5-4.6 (Homemade Food Freedom Act)	75000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
No	Recommended
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	No

INDIRECT SALES

Limited (see notes) — Sales are permitted on site, by delivery, at farmers markets, through cooperatives, and through membership-based buying clubs. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry may promulgate rules to allow sales at other locations or by other means. County ordinances may regulate but may not conflict with or impede the Act. For TCS foods, the producer must complete an approved food safety training (e.g., ServSafe Food Handler Training, max 8 hours, available online) before selling.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **Oklahoma cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/oklahoma.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.oscn.net/applications/oscn/deliverdocument.asp?citeid=478859>

State dept cottage food page: <https://oklahoma.gov/health/protective-health/consumer-health-service/food-safety/homemade-food-freedom-act.html>

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

Questions about Washington County? 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/oklahoma/washington-county-discuss

Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · crosodo.com/advertise

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SUPPLIES

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Reach home bakers across the country. crosodo.com/advertise

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Advertise here — Insurance

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