

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Bastrop County

Texas · Bastrop · FIPS 48021 · Population 98,435 · Crosodo
Index #911*

STATE BASELINE

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

150000

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

Bastrop County, Texas — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

150000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific restriction under Texas cottage food law; health departments have no inspection authority.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Texas 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 (Texas cottage food law (§437.001 et seq.) is highly permissive: no registration, no permit, no inspection required. Annual gross sales cap \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Allowed: all non-TCS foods including baked goods, candy, jams/jellies, pickles, dried herbs, roasted coffee, granola, vinegar, acidified foods, fermented vegetable products, dried meats. Prohibited: meat/poultry/seafood, ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, raw milk.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction under Texas cottage food law; health departments have no inspection authority.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Bastrop County is semi-rural and growing rapidly (Austin metro area). No county-wide home occupation permit for cottage food identified; individual municipalities within the county may have requirements. Operators should check Bastrop city or county planning rules.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific restriction under Texas cottage food law; health departments have no inspection authority.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.

HANDWASHING

No specific statutory requirement.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-TCS foods only; must be labeled and stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed. Online sales, home delivery, farmers markets, events, and retail stores all permitted. Internet sales expressly allowed per Texas law.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No limit specified in Texas cottage food law.

Relevant county code

No Bastrop County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

Bastrop County (Austin exurb) has provided county govt URL. No county-specific cottage food rules found beyond Texas state baseline. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000 and added nonprofits as eligible operators. Bastrop County is one of the fastest growing counties in Texas; local business license requirements may apply within city limits. DSHS has no authority to inspect cottage food operations.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.bastropcounty.gov>

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Bastrop County	Williamson County	Travis County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific restriction under Texas cottage food law; health departments have no inspection authority.	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply	State baseline applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales allowed. Online sales, home delivery, farmers markets, events, and retail stores all permitted. Internet sales ex...	Non-TCS: direct sales at home, farmers markets, online/mail/delivery, third-party platforms, roadside stands within \$150,000 annual cap. TC...	State law allows direct and indirect sales, online sales with in-person/household delivery. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025)...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies by city
RESTRICTIONS	Texas cottage food law (§437.001 et seq.) is highly permissive: no registration, no permit, no inspection required. Annual gross sales cap ...	No TCS foods without registration (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS foods: no license, permit, or inspection required. Food handler certification req...	Travis County follows state cottage food law. No county-level health inspection authority for cottage food. City of Austin requires no food...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only; must be labeled and stored appropriately.	Standard home kitchen storage; products must not be adulterated	State baseline applies
POPULATION	98,435	617,396	1,289,054

State context — Texas cottage food law

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

STATUTE

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.

ANNUAL SALES CAP

150000

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

INDIRECT SALES

Limited (see notes) — Sales must be made directly to consumers or to a 'cottage food vendor' (a new category created by SB 541 in 2025 – a person with a contractual relationship who sells on behalf of the cottage food operation to consumers in-state). Cottage food products may not be sold as ingredients to a food service establishment. No retail grocery store or wholesale sales permitted under the pre-2025 framework; SB 541 (2025) adds the cottage food vendor intermediary option. Products must be delivered to consumer or vendor at point of sale or consumer-designated location.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>

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

Questions about Bastrop 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/texas/bastrop-county-discuss

Classifieds

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