

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Clark County

Washington · Vancouver · FIPS 53011 · Population 504,091 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
RCW §69.22.010-.040	Good	—	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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Yes

PETS

Kitchen must pass WSDA inspection of all permitted areas

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Washington 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 (Non-potentially hazardous foods only. \$355 permit fee (2-year). Kitchen inspection by WSDA required before permit issued. \$35,000 annual gross sales cap. Food Worker's Card from local county health department required. Master Business License required. Connected to approved water source.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Kitchen must pass WSDA inspection of all permitted areas

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (City of Vancouver, WA requires a Home Occupation Permit for businesses operated from a residence per VMC 20.860. Applied via Community Development Department. One-time permit fee. Contact Planning staff at 360-487-7803 to verify if exempt. Also requires City of Vancouver Business License or valid exemption. WSDA confirms local city/county government must be contacted for compliance with zoning ordinances. Clark County unincorporated areas: check Clark County Department of Community Development for home occupation requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (WSDA inspection required prior to permitting; additional inspections upon permit expiration or complaint/suspected violation)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods only. \$355 permit fee (2-year). Kitchen inspection by WSDA required before permit issued. \$35,000 annual gross sales cap. Food Worker's Card from local county health department required. Master Business License required. Connected to approved water source.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Kitchen must pass WSDA inspection of all permitted areas
WATER SUPPLY	Kitchen must be connected to an approved water source; verified during WSDA inspection
HANDWASHING	Required as part of WSDA kitchen inspection compliance
FOOD STORAGE	All permitted areas including storage areas inspected by WSDA

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes — WSDA inspection required prior to permitting; additional inspections upon permit expiration or complaint/suspected violation
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — City of Vancouver, WA requires a Home Occupation Permit for businesses operated from a residence per VMC 20.860. Applied via Community Development Department. One-time permit fee. Contact Planning staff at 360-487-7803 to verify if exempt. Also requires City of Vancouver Business License or valid exemption. WSDA confirms local city/county government must be contacted for compliance with zoning ordinances. Clark County unincorporated areas: check Clark County Department of Community Development for home occupation requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Washington. \$35,000 annual gross cap. No wholesale to stores or restaurants. Online sales permitted. Delivery to consumers permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law

Relevant county code

City of Vancouver VMC 20.860 (Home Occupation Requirements). RCW §69.22.010-.040 (Cottage Food Operations); WAC 16-149.

RESEARCH NOTES

City of Vancouver, WA Home Occupation Permit page retrieved directly from cityofvancouver.us. Confirms HOP required per VMC 20.860; one-time fee; contact Planning at 360-487-7803; also requires City Business License. WSDA state page confirms local zoning compliance required and Master Business License plus Food Worker's Card needed. Clark County (including Vancouver) is the county seat. State: \$355 fee, 2-year permit, WSDA inspection, \$35,000 cap. Confidence high: both official City of Vancouver page and WSDA state page retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.clark.wa.gov>

<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/economic-prosperity-and-housing/home-occupation-permit/>

<https://agr.wa.gov/cottagefood>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Clark County	Cowlitz County	Skamania County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Kitchen must pass WSDA inspection of all permitted areas	No other persons may handle cottage food products or be in kitchen during processing except permittee or those under direct supervision (RC...	Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. P...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales within Washington. \$35,000 annual gross cap. No wholesale to stores or restaurants. Online sales permitted. Delivery to consum...	Washington allows direct sales only within the state. No internet, mail order, or retail outside WA. Only permittee or those under direct s...	Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Online sales and mail order o...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. \$355 permit fee (2-year). Kitchen inspection by WSDA required before permit issued. \$35,000 annual gr...	Washington requires a biennial cottage food operation permit with annual inspection. All food handlers must have food and beverage service ...	Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operation...
FOOD STORAGE	All permitted areas including storage areas inspected by WSDA	Non-PHF products only. No TCS foods, no THC ingredients (0.3% or greater). Products cannot be sold via internet, mail order, or retail outs...	Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.
POPULATION	504,091	110,621	11,620

State context — Washington cottage food law

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

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
RCW §69.22.010–.040	—
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
Yes	Yes
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
Yes	Yes
INDIRECT SALES	
No — Cottage food products may only be sold directly to the consumer. Internet sales, mail order, and retail sale outside Washington state are explicitly prohibited. Products may not be repackaged, sold, or used as an ingredient by a food processing plant, or sold by a food service establishment.	

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=69.22.040>

State dept cottage food page: <https://agr.wa.gov/services/business-services/food-safety-and-licensing/cottage-food-operations>

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

Questions about Clark 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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