

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Mason County

Washington · Shelton · FIPS 53045 · Population 66,053 ·
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STATE BASELINE

RCW §69.22.010-.040; WAC 16-149

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

—

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION

Yes

PETS

No one other than permittee or persons under direct supervision may be in kitchen during processing; pets should be excluded

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 (Must be permitted by WA Department of Agriculture every two years. Permit includes biennial inspection fee (\$125) + public health review fee (\$75) + \$30 processing fee. Only non-potentially hazardous foods allowed. All food handlers must hold a food and beverage service worker's permit (RCW 69.06).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No one other than permittee or persons under direct supervision may be in kitchen during processing; pets should be excluded

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Mason County zoning allows cottage industry (home occupation) as an accessory use in residential and rural zones. Home occupations not meeting standard criteria under §17.03.021 require a Special Permit. Operator must obtain a master business license before cottage food permit. Contact Mason County Planning at (360) 427-9670.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Pre-permit inspection required; annual basic hygiene inspections by WA Department of Agriculture)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No one other than permittee or persons under direct supervision may be in kitchen during processing; pets should be excluded
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; written verification of on-site wastewater system may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing facilities required
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-PHF foods only; proper storage required

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes — Pre-permit inspection required; annual basic hygiene inspections by WA Department of Agriculture
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Mason County zoning allows cottage industry (home occupation) as an accessory use in residential and rural zones. Home occupations not meeting standard criteria under §17.03.021 require a Special Permit. Operator must obtain a master business license before cottage food permit. Contact Mason County Planning at (360) 427-9670.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only; no internet, mail order, or retail sales outside state. Sales at home, farmers markets, and events permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only permittee and persons under direct supervision; no outside employees during processing

Relevant county code

Mason County Zoning Code §17.04.212 (Accessory Uses: Cottage Industry); §17.03.021 (Home Occupation Standards)

RESEARCH NOTES

Washington requires biennial WA Department of Agriculture permit and annual inspections — among the more burdensome state regimes. Mason County zoning confirms cottage industry is an accessory use in rural zones per §17.04.212; operations not meeting §17.03.021 standards need a Special Permit. A master business license is required by state before cottage food permit. County health page confirms food establishment permit types. No additional Mason County-specific cottage food restrictions beyond state baseline found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.masoncountywa.gov/departments/public_health/environmental_health/food_safety/permits.php

<https://www.masoncounty.gov>

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

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx/default.aspx?cite=16-149&full=true&pdf=true>

https://www.zoneomics.com/code/mason-county-unincorporated-WA/chapter_4

https://www.masoncountywa.gov/departments/public_health/environmental_health/food_safety/permits.php

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Mason County	Grays Harbor County	Kitsap County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No one other than permittee or persons under direct supervision may be in kitchen during processing; pets should be excluded	No persons other than permittee or directly supervised persons allowed in kitchen during processing.	Animals excluded from food production area during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only; no internet, mail order, or retail sales outside state. Sales at home, farmers markets, and events permitted.	Direct sales to end consumers only within Washington. No internet, mail order, or out-of-state sales. No sales to restaurants or grocery st...	Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, events, roadside stands; no retail or wholesale
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Yes	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must be permitted by WA Department of Agriculture every two years. Permit includes biennial inspection fee (\$125) + public health review fe...	Nonpotentially-hazardous baked goods, baked and stovetop candies, jams/jellies/preserves/ fruit butters, and other nonpotentially hazardous ...	WSDA registration and kitchen inspection required; food handler card required; direct to consumer only; non-TCS foods including baked goods...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-PHF foods only; proper storage required	Non-potentially-hazardous shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions
POPULATION	66,053	75,672	275,411

State context — Washington cottage food law

Mason 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 Mason 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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