

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Northwest Arctic Borough, Alaska?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-06.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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ALASKA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Alaska permits PDF](#)[Alaska cottage food law page](#)[Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation cottage food program](#)[Statute: AS 17.20.332](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Northwest Arctic Borough. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Northwest Arctic Borough, Alaska. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Varies

LOCAL HEALTH

Upon-complaint

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Yes

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

CONTINUE ONLINE

Alaska permits PDF →

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/alaska.pdf>

Alaska cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/alaska>

Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/alaska/northwest-arctic-borough>

Northwest Arctic Borough cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/alaska/northwest-arctic-borough>

Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

Alaska registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Retail store sales are permitted; the store must display a sign indicating the food is homemade, may contain allergens, and is not regulated or inspected, and homemade products must be on a separate shelf from inspected foods.

Alaska permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/alaska.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/alaska

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation: <https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/food/cottage-food-exemption/>

Statute: [AS 17.20.332](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Varies. NAB Planning Department (163 Lagoon Street, Kotzebue, 907-442-2500) administers zoning under Title 8 NABC. No specific home occupation ordinance text found but borough has active planning function. Title 9 permits for development (mining, utilities, etc.); residential uses under Title 8. Note: City of Kotzebue has its own planning authority outside NAB jurisdiction.

Planning: <https://www.nwabor.org/departments/planning/>

Health

Upon-complaint. DEC may inspect upon foodborne illness complaint under AS 17.20.336.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

DEC permits food establishments, not homemade food. Alaska homemade food (AS 17.20.332) is not a food-establishment permit. A commissary or retail kitchen is permitted by DEC Food Safety and Sanitation. Ask that program for a food establishment permit.

Official source: [Alaska DEC food safety](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.nwabor.org>

This file is the home-kitchen path. A rented kitchen uses a different permit. Ask the kitchen manager which license they expect, then call the local health office.

SOURCES

<https://www.nwabor.org/departments/planning/>

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<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/homemade-food/requirements/>

Northwest Arctic Borough and nearby places

Regulation	Northwest Arctic Borough	Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	Nome Census Area
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified at state or borough level for cottage food.	Not specified at state level.	Not specified at state level.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.	Non-PHF may be sold via agents; PHF must be sold by producer directly. Online sales within Alaska allowed. No interstate commerce.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	No	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	No	No
RESTRICTIONS	State allows home kitchen production without permit. Northwest Arctic Borough (NAB) has organized government. NAB Planning Department admin...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods allowed from home kitchen without permit. Potentially hazardous foods allowed but must be sold direct-to-co...
FOOD STORAGE	Not specifically regulated locally for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.	Not specifically regulated at state level for cottage food.
POPULATION	7,682	5,355	10,018

More pages for this place

These Crosodo pages cover the same home cottage-food path:

Alaska permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/alaska.pdf

Alaska cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/alaska

Northwest Arctic Borough cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/alaska/northwest-arctic-borough