

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Washington

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under RCW §69.22.010–.040.

STATUTE	TIER	IJ GRADE	COUNTIES COVERED	LAST VERIFIED
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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.

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Executive summary

This report covers the Washington cottage food framework — the state statute, the regulatory body administering it, what producers can and cannot sell, and county-level rules layered on top of state law for the 39 Washington counties included in this dataset.

ANNUAL SALES CAP

none

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

yes

FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION

yes

KITCHEN INSPECTION

yes

DIRECT SALES ONLY

yes

INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE)

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.

RESEARCH NOTES

Full statute text retrieved directly from Washington Legislature's RCW website (app.leg.wa.gov). Chapter 69.22 was enacted in 2011 and last amended in 2023 (c 352 s 2 updated permit renewal procedures). The law requires: (1) a biennial permit with inspection fee (\$125) + \$75 public health review fee + \$30 processing fee; (2) all food handlers must hold a food and beverage service worker's permit under chapter 69.06 RCW; (3) annual basic hygiene inspections; (4) applicant must sign a document granting the director right of entry to the home during normal business hours. The IJ grade of D reflects the burdensome permit and inspection requirements relative to other states. No sales cap in the statute. Washington was one of the first states to enact a cottage food law (2011).

Revised Code of Washington, Title 69 Food, Drugs, Cosmetics, and Poisons, Chapter 69.22 Cottage Food Operations

CITATION

RCW §69.22.010-.040

ENACTED

2011

LAST AMENDED

2023

CONFIDENCE

HIGH

Allowed foods

Nonpotentially-hazardous baked goods; baked candies and stovetop candies; jams, jellies, preserves, and fruit butters (as defined in 21 C.F.R. §150); and other nonpotentially hazardous foods identified by the director by rule. No THC ingredients (0.3% or greater) permitted. No dollar sales cap is specified in the statute.

Prohibited foods

Potentially hazardous (TCS) foods are prohibited. Products cannot be sold via internet, mail order, or for retail sale outside the state. No one other than the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing.

Labeling requirements

Every package must display: (1) business name and permit number; (2) product name; (3) ingredients in descending weight order; (4) net weight or volume; (5) allergen labeling per director's rules; (6) nutritional claim labeling if applicable; and (7) the statement 'Made in a home kitchen that has not been subject to standard inspection criteria.' in at least 11-point font in a contrasting color. Products must be stored only in the primary domestic residence.

Statutory text — verbatim excerpt

Statute excerpt — verbatim

RCW 69.22.010 Definitions. (1) "Cottage food operation" means a person who produces cottage food products only in the home kitchen of that person's primary domestic residence in Washington and only for sale directly to the consumer. (2) "Cottage food products" means nonpotentially hazardous baked goods; baked candies and candies made on a stovetop; jams, jellies, preserves, and fruit butters as defined in 21 C.F.R. Sec. 150 as it existed on July 22, 2011; and other nonpotentially hazardous foods identified by the director in rule. No ingredient containing a tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of 0.3 percent or greater may be included as an ingredient in any cottage food product. RCW 69.22.020(3) A cottage food operation must place on the label of any food it produces or packages, at a minimum, the following information: (a) The name and permit number issued under RCW 69.22.030 of the business of the cottage food operation; (b) The name of the cottage food product; (c) The ingredients of the cottage food product, in descending order of predominance by weight; (d) The net weight or net volume of the cottage food product; (e) Allergen labeling as specified by the director in rule; (f) If any nutritional claim is made, appropriate labeling as specified by the director in rule; (g) The following statement printed in at least the equivalent of eleven-point font size in a color that provides a clear contrast to the background: "Made in a home kitchen that has not been subject to standard inspection criteria." (4) Cottage food products may only be sold directly to the consumer and may not be sold by internet, mail order, or for retail sale outside the state. RCW 69.22.030(1) All cottage food operations must be permitted every two years by the department on forms developed by the department. All permits and permit renewals must be made on forms developed by the director and be accompanied by an inspection fee as provided in RCW 69.22.040, a \$75 public health review fee, and a \$30 processing fee.

Source: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=69.22.010>

Official sources

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

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

Registration <https://agr.wa.gov/departments/food-safety/processed-food/cottage-foods>

Extension service <https://extension.wsu.edu/foodsafety/>

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

State dept of agriculture / health: **Washington State Department of Agriculture**

County-level rules

The state statute above sets the floor. Each county may add a home-occupation permit, business license, or zoning rule on top of state law. The 39 Washington counties below are sorted by population (largest first).

RANK 13 · FIPS 53033 · Seattle

King County

Population 2,254,371 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010-.040 · **HIGH**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — King County operators must obtain a biennial WA State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) cottage food permit before operating. The state permit requires an initial inspection and grants WSDA right of entry to the home during normal business hours. Additionally, WAC 16-149-030(4) requires that operators comply with all applicable county and municipal zoning ordinances and obtain a master business license before permitting. King County Title 21A governs home occupations in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No person other than the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing (state baseline).
WATER SUPPLY	state baseline applies; private well users must pass water quality test as part of state permit application
HANDWASHING	state baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	state baseline applies

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Biennial inspection required for WSDA permit renewal (initial + biennial). WSDA may also inspect upon complaint or reasonable belief of violation (WAC 16-149-090). King County Public Health does not separately issue cottage food permits.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — WAC 16-149 requires operators to comply with applicable county/municipal home occupation laws. King County Title 21A.30 regulates home occupations in unincorporated areas. A master business license (from WA Secretary of State) is required statewide before the WSDA permit is issued. For incorporated cities (Seattle, Bellevue, etc.), city-specific home occupation permits may apply.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only (no internet/mail order outside the state; no retail establishment sales). Sales must be within Washington State. King County Public Health catering/home-based food service program requires a separate commissary-based permit for catering activities.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	state baseline applies (no non-permittee handling except under direct supervision)

Relevant county code

King County Code Title 21A.30 (Home Occupation standards); WAC 16-149 (WSDA cottage food rules)

RESEARCH NOTES

Washington State is notably more burdensome than most states: biennial permit (\$125 + \$75 public health review fee + \$30 processing fee), annual basic hygiene inspections, right-of-entry requirement. King County operators in unincorporated areas must comply with Title 21A.30 home occupation standards. WAC 16-149-030(4) explicitly requires compliance with all applicable county/municipal zoning laws and obtaining a master business license before the WSDA permit is issued. Home kitchens cannot be used for catering in King County (requires separate commissary).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health>

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/permitting-environmental-review.aspx>

<https://kingcounty.gov>

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

<https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dph/certificates-permits-licenses/food-business-permits/catering-home-based-business-permit>

https://aqua.kingcounty.gov/council/clerk/code/24-30_Title_21A.htm

RANK 60 · FIPS 53053 · Tacoma

Pierce County

Population 918,993 · State baseline: RCW §69.22 (Washington Cottage Food Operations law) ·

MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — State baseline applies: cottage food operation must be conducted in the home kitchen of the operator's primary residence. \$25,000 annual gross sales cap (raised periodically by WSDA). Non-potentially hazardous foods only.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	State baseline: pets must be excluded from food preparation areas during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; state baseline applies
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices; food handler permit from Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department may be required for sales at events
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage practices; no county-specific overrides found

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	upon-complaint — Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department may inspect upon complaint. WSDA has oversight authority.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Pierce County has home occupation permit requirements for home-based businesses in unincorporated areas. Contact Pierce County Planning and Land Services. City of Tacoma and other incorporated cities in Pierce County have separate home occupation rules. Check relevant municipal code.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Washington cottage food: direct-to-consumer sales only. Sales at farmers markets, events, home, online with delivery. No wholesale to retailers or restaurants. \$25,000 annual cap.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME unknown

Relevant county code

RCW §69.22; Pierce County zoning code for home occupations; Tacoma Municipal Code if within city limits

RESEARCH NOTES

Pierce County follows Washington state baseline for cottage food operations. The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department handles local food safety matters. No Pierce County-specific cottage food ordinance restricting or expanding state law was found. Home occupation permit requirements for the business aspect likely apply under Pierce County and City of Tacoma zoning. Washington's cottage food law is administered by WSDA with a \$25,000 annual cap and direct-to-consumer requirement.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.piercecountywa.gov>

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

RANK 74 · FIPS 53061 · Everett

Snohomish County

Population 828,337 · State baseline: RCW §69.22 (Washington Cottage Food Operations law) ·

MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — State baseline applies. Cottage food must be produced in operator's home kitchen. \$25,000 annual gross sales cap. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Snohomish Health District oversees food safety in the county.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS State baseline: pets excluded from food preparation areas

WATER SUPPLY Potable water required

HANDWASHING Standard sanitation practices; food handler permit may be required for market sales

FOOD STORAGE Standard food storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED upon-complaint — Snohomish Health District may inspect upon complaint. WSDA has oversight.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — Snohomish County has home occupation permit requirements for unincorporated areas. Incorporated cities (Everett, Marysville, Lynnwood, etc.) have their own home occupation rules. Contact Snohomish County Planning and Development Services for unincorporated area rules.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct-to-consumer only: home, farmers markets, events, online with delivery. No wholesale. \$25,000 annual cap.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME unknown

Relevant county code

RCW §69.22; Snohomish County zoning for home occupations

RESEARCH NOTES

Snohomish County follows Washington state baseline for cottage food. The Snohomish Health District (snohd.org) handles local food safety enforcement. No Snohomish County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state law. Home occupation permits required for the business aspect under county zoning for unincorporated areas.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.snohd.org>

<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/planning>

<https://snohomishcountywa.gov>

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

RANK 128 · FIPS 53063 · Spokane

Spokane County

Population 538,711 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010-.040 · **MEDIUM**

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 required from local county health department. Master Business License through WA Dept. of Revenue required. Connected to approved water source required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Kitchen must pass WSDA inspection including all permitted areas (kitchen, packaging area, restroom, raw ingredient and finished product storage)
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. Products stored in primary domestic residence.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — WSDA inspection required prior to permitting; additional inspections may occur upon permit expiration or following complaint/suspected violation
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — WSDA explicitly states operators must comply with all applicable county and municipal laws and zoning ordinances for conducting business from home. Local city or town government may ban home food production in areas not zoned for commerce. Spokane County unincorporated areas: check Spokane County Building and Planning Department for home occupation rules. City of Spokane: check City of Spokane Planning for home occupation permit requirements. Local zoning ordinances still required to be followed.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

RCW §69.22.010-.040 (Cottage Food Operations); WAC 16-149 (Cottage Foods). Local: Spokane County Building & Planning zoning codes.

RESEARCH NOTES

Washington state cottage food requires: \$355 fee, 2-year permit, WSDA pre-operational inspection, \$35,000 annual cap, Food Worker's Card from local health department, Master Business License, approved water source. WSDA page confirms local zoning compliance required. City of Spokane may ban home food production in non-commercial zones — operators must verify. Spokane County is both an urban county (City of Spokane) and large rural county. Local home occupation permit specifics for Spokane County/City not confirmed from direct source. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.spokanecounty.org>

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

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

RANK 139 · FIPS 53011 · Vancouver

Clark County

Population 504,091 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010-.040 · **HIGH**

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>

RANK 238 · FIPS 53067 · Olympia

Thurston County

Population 294,272 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010-.040; registration required; kitchen inspection required; food handler card required; direct sales only; no annual sales cap · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — WSDA registration and kitchen inspection required; food handler card required; direct to consumer only; non-TCS foods including baked goods, jams/jellies, candies; labeling required
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Animals excluded from food production area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; well water testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial kitchen inspection required before registration; complaint-based thereafter
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — WA does not preempt local zoning. Thurston County (seat: Olympia, state capital) may have home occupation zoning requirements at county or city level. Operator should verify with Thurston County Planning or City of Olympia planning

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, events, roadside stands; no retail or wholesale; no online-only sales without direct delivery

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

WA requires registration and kitchen inspection — notable restriction. Thurston County includes Olympia (state capital). No county-specific overlay beyond state rules found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov>

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

RANK 250 · FIPS 53035 · Port Orchard

Kitsap County

Population 275,411 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010–.040; registration required; kitchen inspection required; food handler card required; direct sales only; no annual sales cap · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — WSDA registration and kitchen inspection required; food handler card required; direct to consumer only; non-TCS foods including baked goods, jams/jellies, candies; labeling required

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Animals excluded from food production area during production
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Initial kitchen inspection required before registration; complaint-based thereafter
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — WA does not preempt local zoning. Kitsap County (includes Port Orchard, Bremerton) may have home occupation zoning requirements at county or city level. Operator should verify with Kitsap County Planning or local city planning
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, events, roadside stands; no retail or wholesale
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified

Relevant county code

Not identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Same WA baseline as Thurston County. Kitsap County is across Puget Sound from Seattle, connected by ferry. Includes Bremerton (naval base). No county-specific overlay beyond state rules found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.kitsapgov.com>

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

RANK 270 · FIPS 53077 · Yakima

Yakima County

Population 256,143 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010–.040 · MEDIUM

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Biennial permit required with inspection. Fee: \$125 inspection + \$75 public health review + \$30 processing. All food handlers must hold food and beverage service worker's permit (RCW 69.06). Annual basic hygiene inspections. Applicant must grant director right of entry during normal business hours. Only permittee or persons under direct supervision may handle products or be in kitchen during processing.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No pets in food preparation area during processing (persons not allowed other than permittee and direct supervision)
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker's permit (RCW 69.06) required for all food handlers
FOOD STORAGE	Nonpotentially-hazardous foods only; CDPH-type approved list (baked goods, jams/jellies, candies, etc.)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspection required; initial inspection before permit issued
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Yakima County does not have county URL listed. Local zoning in Yakima County and City of Yakima may require home occupation permits. Check with Yakima County Planning Department.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales only; no internet, mail order, or retail sales outside Washington State. Products may only be sold within Washington.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Only permittee or persons under direct supervision; no independent hired workers

Relevant county code

RCW §69.22.010–.040; Yakima County zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Yakima County WA is listed as 'pattern' verification status with no county URLs. Washington State cottage food law (RCW §69.22) requires biennial permit with annual inspection — among the more burdensome frameworks nationally. Washington WSDA administers the permit statewide. No Yakima County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no specific Yakima County .gov source found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 305 · FIPS 53073 · Bellingham

Whatcom County

Population 226,523 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010–.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operations. Permit fee is approximately \$125 (inspection) + \$75 (public health review) + \$30 (processing). Annual kitchen inspection is required. Home kitchen must be the operator's primary residence. Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle products or be in the kitchen during processing.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS	Washington state cottage food rules prohibit anyone other than the permittee and persons under their direct supervision in the kitchen during processing. Pet presence in the kitchen during production is prohibited; standard food safety rules apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific private water testing requirement cited in RCW §69.22 for cottage food; standard water supply requirements apply per Washington food code.
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker's permit required under RCW chapter 69.06, which implies food handler training and hygiene standards including handwashing.
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required by Washington State Department of Agriculture as a condition of permit. Permittee must sign document granting WSDA right of entry to home during normal business hours.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Whatcom County (unincorporated areas): home-based businesses allowed in residential zones as accessory use; home occupation permit and/or business license may be required. Per Whatcom County Code Title 20 (Zoning), amended April 2025 (Ordinance 2025-020), home-based businesses are regulated by type (Type I through IV). Type I (no on-site clients, no permit needed in most zones) may apply to some cottage food operations. Type II/III require conditional use permits. Cities within Whatcom County (Bellingham, Lynden, Ferndale) have their own separate rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Online sales and mail order within Washington are limited (statute restricts internet/mail-order/retail sales outside state). Home pickup is allowed.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may be in the kitchen during processing per RCW §69.22. Whatcom County Type I home occupation: no on-site clients; Type II permits up to 2 employees with conditional use permit.

Relevant county code

Whatcom County Code Title 20, Section 20.80.970 (Home-Based Businesses); amended by Ordinance 2025-020 (April 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Washington state cottage food law is among the more burdensome: biennial WSDA permit with annual inspections and food handler certification required. Whatcom County zoning amended April 2025 to regulate home-based businesses under Code Title 20 Section 20.80.970 with 4 types. Bellingham (county seat) has its own rules; unincorporated county follows county-level rules. Washington B&O tax may apply to gross receipts. CityRuleLookup summary confirmed county-level home occupation permit requirement.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.whatcomcounty.gov/health>

<https://www.whatcomcounty.gov>

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

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

<https://whatcom.legistar.com/View.ashx?GUID=E5C51132-6F9B-47F6-B38D-ACEF8D23716A&ID=14108620&M=F>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/whatcom-county-wa>

RANK 325 · FIPS 53005 · Prosser

Benton County

Population 207,560 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010–.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Washington state cottage food law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial WSDA permit with annual kitchen inspections. Fee approximately \$125 (inspection) + \$75 (public health review) + \$30 (processing). Food and beverage service worker's permit required (RCW chapter 69.06). Only non-potentially-hazardous baked goods, candies, jams, jellies, preserves, fruit butters, and other approved non-PHF foods. Only the permittee or those under their direct supervision may be in the kitchen during processing.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Only the permittee and persons under their direct supervision permitted in the kitchen during processing. Pet presence in the kitchen during production prohibited.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific private water testing requirement cited in RCW §69.22.
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker's permit (RCW ch. 69.06) requires food handler training including hygiene and handwashing.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially-hazardous products only. Standard GMP storage requirements.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required as condition of WSDA permit. Permittee must grant WSDA right of entry to home during normal business hours.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Benton County (unincorporated areas) and municipalities (Kennewick, Richland, Pasco — the Tri-Cities area) may require home occupation permits for home-based businesses. Washington B&O tax may apply. Contact Benton County Planning & Zoning or relevant Tri-Cities municipality for home occupation requirements.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Washington cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at home, events, and farmers markets within Washington. Internet/mail-order/retail sales outside state not permitted. Home pickup allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle products or be in the kitchen during processing per RCW §69.22.

Relevant county code

RCW §69.22.040; Benton County zoning ordinances; Tri-Cities (Kennewick/Richland/Pasco) municipal zoning for home occupation

RESEARCH NOTES

Washington state baseline applies. Benton County (county seat: Prosser) is part of the Tri-Cities area (Kennewick, Richland, Pasco). Washington's cottage food requirements are among the most burdensome: biennial permit, annual inspection, food handler certification, and right-of-entry grant to WSDA. No Benton County-specific URLs or overrides found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 492 · FIPS 53057 · Mount Vernon

Skagit County

Population 129,480 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010-.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Biennial permit required with fees: \$125 inspection fee + \$75 public health review fee + \$30 processing fee (\$230 total biennial). All food handlers must hold a food and beverage service worker's permit under RCW ch. 69.06. Annual basic hygiene inspections required. Applicant must sign document granting director right of entry during normal business hours. No internet, mail order, or out-of-state sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No one other than the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; reviewed during inspection.
HANDWASHING	Required; inspected during annual hygiene inspection.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous baked goods, candies, jams/jellies/preserves/fruit butters, and other items identified by director by rule. No THC ingredients.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required. Initial inspection before permit issued. Administered by Skagit County (or state WA DOH for state permits).
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT yes — Washington cottage food permits are administered by local health jurisdictions. Skagit County Public Health administers the cottage food permit for unincorporated Skagit County. Cities within the county (Mount Vernon, Burlington, Anacortes) may have separate home occupation ordinances.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct sales only; no internet or mail order sales permitted. Sales only within Washington state. No one other than permittee or persons under direct supervision may handle products or be in kitchen during processing.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Only permittee and persons under direct supervision may handle cottage food or be in kitchen during processing.

Relevant county code

RCW §69.22.010–.040; WAC (Washington Administrative Code) provisions for cottage food permits.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (WA) confirmed: RCW §69.22.010–.040, biennial permit with \$230 total fees, annual inspections, food and beverage service worker permit required. Skagit County is a farming/agricultural county north of the Seattle metro (Tulip Festival area). No county-specific health or planning URLs in input. Washington's cottage food law is notably more burdensome than most states (IJ grade D). County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 547 · FIPS 53015 · Kelso

Cowlitz County

Population 110,621 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010–.040; no stated sales cap; permit required (\$125 biennial + \$75 public health review + \$30 processing fee); food handler cert required; annual inspection; direct sales only within WA · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Washington requires a biennial cottage food operation permit with annual inspection. All food handlers must have food and beverage service worker's permit (RCW §69.06). Applicant must grant director right of entry during normal business hours. Non-PHF baked goods, jams/jellies/preserves, and other non-PHF foods allowed. No TCS foods.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No other persons may handle cottage food products or be in kitchen during processing except permittee or those under direct supervision (RCW §69.22.040).
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required per state food safety standards.
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker's permit required for all food handlers (RCW §69.06 food handler card).
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only. No TCS foods, no THC ingredients (0.3% or greater). Products cannot be sold via internet, mail order, or retail outside WA.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspection required per RCW §69.22. Also pre-operational approval required as part of permit process.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — No specific Cowlitz County home occupation permit requirements found for cottage food. Washington state cottage food permit is the primary regulatory requirement. Cowlitz County or city of Kelso/Longview may have home occupation zoning requirements. Contact Cowlitz County Community Development or city planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Washington allows direct sales only within the state. No internet, mail order, or retail outside WA. Only permittee or those under direct supervision may handle products or be in kitchen during processing.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only permittee or persons under their direct supervision; no outside employees in kitchen during processing.

Relevant county code

RCW §69.22.010-.040; RCW §69.06

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (WA tier Good). Washington has one of the more burdensome cottage food frameworks: annual inspection, biennial permit fees, food handler cards for all handlers, right-of-entry grant required. Cowlitz County is in southwestern WA near the Columbia River and Mount St. Helens (Kelso/Longview area). No county-specific URLs provided. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 603 · FIPS 53025 · Ephrata

Grant County

Population 99,145 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010-.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Washington state cottage food law (RCW §69.22) allows home kitchen production of non-potentially hazardous foods with a biennial permit and annual inspection. Permitted foods include non-PHF baked goods, baked/stovetop candies, jams/jellies/preserves/fruit butters (21 CFR §150), and other non-PHF foods approved by WSDA. No internet, mail order, or out-of-state retail sales allowed. Only permittee or persons under direct supervision may handle products or be in kitchen during processing.
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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No one other than the permittee or persons under direct supervision may be in the kitchen during processing; pets implicitly excluded during production.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water supply requirement stated in RCW §69.22 beyond general food safety; public health review fee applies at permitting.
HANDWASHING	Required as part of the annual basic hygiene inspection and food handler permit under RCW 69.06.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only; must prevent contamination.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required; WSDA (or county health authority) inspects home kitchen as part of biennial permit (\$125 biennial permit + \$75 public health review fee + \$30 processing fee).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Grant County zoning may require a home occupation permit; no Grant County-specific cottage food zoning rules identified. Operators should check with Grant County Planning at (509) 754-2011.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales allowed in person; no internet or mail order sales; no out-of-state sales. Sales at farmers markets, events, and from home permitted with valid cottage food permit.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only permittee or persons under direct supervision; effectively family/ household members only during production.

Relevant county code

No Grant County-specific code section identified for cottage food.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Grant County-specific cottage food overrides found. Rules follow Washington state baseline under RCW §69.22.010–.040. Washington has one of the more burdensome cottage food permit systems nationally: biennial permit with annual inspection, food handler card required, applicant must grant right of entry to the home. No sales cap. Grant County is rural eastern Washington; operators apply through WSDA and local public health district.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 620 · FIPS 53021 · Pasco

Franklin County

Population 96,692 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010–.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Washington state cottage food law (RCW §69.22): biennial permit with annual inspection required. Allowed: non-PHF baked goods, baked/stovetop candies, jams/jellies/preserves/fruit butters (21 CFR §150), other non-PHF director-approved foods. No internet/mail order or out-of-state retail sales. Food handler card required under RCW 69.06. Applicant must grant right of entry to home during normal business hours.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Only permittee or persons under direct supervision in kitchen during processing; pets effectively excluded.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water supply requirement beyond general food safety; \$75 public health review fee at permitting.
HANDWASHING	Food handler card required; annual basic hygiene inspections cover handwashing.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only; no reduced oxygen packaging for cottage food.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required; part of biennial permit process (\$125 biennial + \$75 public health review + \$30 processing fee).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Franklin County (Pasco, Kennewick-Pasco-Richland metro area) may require local home occupation permits. No Franklin County-specific cottage food zoning rules identified. Operators should check with Franklin County Planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales only in person; no internet or mail order; no out-of-state sales. Sales at farmers markets, events, home permitted with valid cottage food permit.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only permittee or persons under direct supervision during production.

Relevant county code

No Franklin County-specific cottage food code identified.

RESEARCH NOTES

No Franklin County-specific cottage food overrides found. Franklin County is in eastern Washington (Tri-Cities area: Pasco, Kennewick, Richland). Washington state rules apply. Franklin County Public Health is the local public health authority. Washington has burdensome permit/inspection requirements relative to most states.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 664 · FIPS 53029 · Coupeville

Island County

Population 86,510 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010-.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Washington requires a biennial cottage food permit with initial kitchen inspection. Only non-potentially-hazardous foods allowed. All food handlers must hold a food and beverage service worker's permit (chapter 69.06 RCW). Annual basic hygiene inspections. Applicant must sign document granting director right of entry to home during normal business hours. No internet, mail order, or out-of-state sales. No persons other than permittee or those under direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not explicitly specified, but kitchen must pass hygiene inspection.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific beyond standard potable water; kitchen inspection evaluates conditions.
HANDWASHING	Kitchen inspection covers hygiene; food handler's permit requires training including handwashing.
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage practices; inspected annually.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspection required. Initial inspection before permit issuance. Permit fee: \$125 biennial + \$75 public health review + \$30 processing fee.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Island County Planning Department governs home occupation rules in unincorporated areas. Towns of Oak Harbor, Langley, Coupeville, and Freeland have their own rules. No Island County-specific cottage food ordinance identified; producers should check with Island County Planning.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only; no internet, mail order, or out-of-state sales permitted under Washington cottage food law. In-person sales at farmers markets, from home, and at events permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only permittee or those under direct supervision may handle products or be in the kitchen during processing.

Relevant county code

No Island County-specific cottage food code identified. RCW §69.22.010-.040 governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Island County (Whidbey Island, Camano Island) follows the statewide Washington cottage food framework. Washington has one of the more burdensome cottage food permit processes nationally: annual inspection, kitchen entry right, food handler permit for all workers. No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium: state law confirmed from official WA Legislature source; Island County-specific zoning not verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 685 · FIPS 53041 · Chehalis

Lewis County

Population 82,663 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010-.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Same as all Washington counties: biennial permit with initial and annual kitchen inspection. Food handler's permit required for all handlers. Non-PHF foods only. No internet, mail order, or out-of-state sales. Only permittee or those under direct supervision may handle products or be present during processing.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Kitchen must pass hygiene inspection.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific beyond standard potable water; kitchen inspection evaluates.
HANDWASHING	Food handler's permit requires training; kitchen inspection covers hygiene.

FOOD STORAGE Standard food safety storage; inspected annually.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED yes — Annual basic hygiene inspection required. Initial inspection before permit.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Lewis County Planning Department and municipalities (Chehalis, Centralia) may have home occupation rules. No Lewis County-specific cottage food ordinance identified.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct in-person sales only; no internet, mail order, or out-of-state. Farmers markets, home, and events permitted.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Only permittee or those under direct supervision during processing.

Relevant county code

No Lewis County-specific cottage food code identified. RCW §69.22.010-.040 governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Lewis County follows Washington's cottage food permit framework. No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 711 • FIPS 53007 • Wenatchee

Chelan County

Population 79,076 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010-.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Nonpotentially-hazardous baked goods, baked and stovetop candies, jams/jellies/preserves/fruit butters, and other nonpotentially hazardous foods identified by rule. No THC ingredients. Only permittee or persons under direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No persons other than permittee or directly supervised persons allowed in kitchen during processing. This effectively excludes pets from preparation area.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker's permit required under chapter 69.06 RCW for all food handlers.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially-hazardous shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required. Biennial permit with inspection (\$125 fee plus \$75 public health review + \$30 processing fee). Applicant must sign document granting director right of entry during normal business hours.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — State-level biennial cottage food permit required from Washington State Department of Agriculture (\$125 inspection fee + \$75 public health review + \$30 processing fee). Chelan County may additionally require local zoning compliance for home-based businesses. No Chelan County-specific cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
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ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to end consumers only. No internet, mail order, or retail sales outside the state. Cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only permittee or persons under direct supervision of permittee may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing.

Relevant county code

RCW §69.22.010-.040; No Chelan County-specific code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Washington State (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit with inspection fees (\$230 total) and annual inspections. Food handler permit under RCW 69.06 required. No Chelan County-specific overrides found. This is one of the more burdensome state programs nationally (IJ grade of D). Direct sales only; no online or mail order. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 719 · FIPS 53009 · Port Angeles

Clallam County

Population 77,333 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010-.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Nonpotentially-hazardous baked goods, baked and stovetop candies, jams/jellies/preserves/fruit butters, and other nonpotentially hazardous foods identified by rule. No THC ingredients. Only permittee or persons under direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No persons other than permittee or directly supervised persons allowed in kitchen during processing. This effectively excludes pets from the preparation area.

WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker's permit required under chapter 69.06 RCW.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially-hazardous shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required. Biennial permit with inspection (\$125 fee plus \$75 public health review + \$30 processing fee).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — State-level biennial cottage food permit required from Washington State Department of Agriculture. Clallam County public health administers the inspection component. No Clallam County-specific additional cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to end consumers only. No internet, mail order, or retail sales outside the state. Cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only permittee or persons under direct supervision of permittee may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing.

Relevant county code

RCW §69.22.010-.040; No Clallam County-specific code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Clallam County follows Washington State cottage food law (RCW §69.22). Annual inspections and biennial permit required. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

RANK 731 · FIPS 53027 · Montesano

Grays Harbor County

Population 75,672 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010-.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Nonpotentially-hazardous baked goods, baked and stovetop candies, jams/jellies/preserves/fruit butters, and other nonpotentially hazardous foods identified by rule. No THC ingredients. Only permittee or persons under direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No persons other than permittee or directly supervised persons allowed in kitchen during processing.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker's permit required under chapter 69.06 RCW.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially-hazardous shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required. Biennial permit with inspection (\$125 fee plus \$75 public health review + \$30 processing fee).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — State-level biennial cottage food permit required from WSDA. Grays Harbor County public health administers local inspection component. No Grays Harbor County-specific additional cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to end consumers only within Washington. No internet, mail order, or out-of-state sales. No sales to restaurants or grocery stores.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only permittee or persons under direct supervision may handle cottage food or be in the kitchen during processing.

Relevant county code

RCW §69.22.010-.040. No Grays Harbor County-specific code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Grays Harbor County follows Washington State cottage food law (RCW §69.22). Annual inspections required. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

RANK 805 · FIPS 53045 · Shelton

Mason County

Population 66,053 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010-.040; WAC 16-149 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

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 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://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

RANK 848 · FIPS 53071 · Walla Walla

Walla Walla County

Population 62,150 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010-.040; WAC 16-149 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must obtain biennial WA Department of Agriculture permit with inspection. Non-PHF foods only. All food handlers must have food and beverage service worker's permit. Biennial permit fee: \$125 + \$75 + \$30.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Only permittee and persons under direct supervision in kitchen during processing
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing facilities required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Pre-permit inspection; annual hygiene inspections by WA Department of Agriculture
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Walla Walla County is in southeastern Washington (wine country). Cottage industry typically permitted as accessory use in residential zones. Must obtain master business license before cottage food permit. Contact Walla Walla County Planning at (509) 524-2610.
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

Relevant county code

Walla Walla County zoning ordinance — contact Planning

RESEARCH NOTES

Walla Walla County is Washington's wine country region. Washington requires biennial WA Dept of Agriculture permit with inspection and annual hygiene inspections. Master business license required before cottage food permit. No specific Walla Walla County cottage food restrictions found beyond state framework. No county URLs in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 53001 · Ritzville

Adams County

Population 0 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010-.040; WAC 16-149 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Washington state cottage food law (RCW §69.22.010-.040; WAC 16-149) requires a biennial WSDA cottage food permit (\$125 inspection fee + \$75 public health review fee + \$30 processing fee). All food handlers must hold a food and beverage service worker's permit (Chapter 69.06 RCW). Producers must comply with all applicable county and municipal zoning ordinances prior to permitting (WAC 16-149-030(4)). Adams County is a rural agricultural county in eastern Washington. No Adams County-specific home occupation rules found beyond standard WA requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	WAC 16-149 restricts access to the permitted area during cottage food production. Pets must be excluded from the permitted area (home kitchen and storage/packaging areas) during food production and handling.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement under RCW 69.22 beyond standard food safety practices.
HANDWASHING	Handwashing facilities required per WAC 16-149 basic hygiene standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage per WAC 16-149 basic hygiene requirements; cottage foods must be nonpotentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspection by WSDA required for permit renewal (RCW 69.22.040). Initial inspection required before operations begin.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — WAC 16-149-030(4) requires compliance with all applicable county and municipal zoning ordinances and a master business license before the WSDA cottage food permit is issued. Adams County producers should contact Adams County Planning to confirm home occupation zoning requirements. A Washington State master business license (through the Secretary of State/DOR) is also required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Washington cottage food: direct sales to consumers only. No internet/mail-order/interstate sales. No retail sales outside Washington. Producers may sell at farmers markets and direct from home. No one other than the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing (RCW §69.22.020).

Relevant county code

RCW §69.22.010–.040; WAC 16-149; Adams County zoning ordinance (home occupation provisions)

RESEARCH NOTES

Washington state cottage food rules confirmed from RCW 69.22 and WAC 16-149. Adams County is a rural eastern WA agricultural county (seat: Ritzville). No Adams County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. WAC 16-149-030(4) explicitly requires compliance with county/municipal zoning before WSDA permit is issued and a master business license. State baseline for Washington applies. Medium confidence: state rules confirmed; county-specific zoning requirements not retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.adams.wa.us/>

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

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=69.22&full=true>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 53003 · Asotin

Asotin County

Population 0 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010-.040; WAC 16-149 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Washington state cottage food law (RCW §69.22.010-.040; WAC 16-149) requires a biennial WSDA cottage food permit (\$125 inspection fee + \$75 public health review fee + \$30 processing fee). All food handlers must hold a food and beverage service worker's permit (Chapter 69.06 RCW). Producers must comply with all applicable county and municipal zoning ordinances prior to permitting (WAC 16-149-030(4)). Asotin County is a rural southeastern Washington county bordering Idaho.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	WAC 16-149 restricts access to the permitted area during cottage food production. Pets must be excluded from the permitted area during food production and handling.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement under RCW 69.22 beyond standard food safety practices.
HANDWASHING	Handwashing facilities required per WAC 16-149 basic hygiene standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage per WAC 16-149 basic hygiene requirements; cottage foods must be nonpotentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspection by WSDA required for permit renewal. Initial inspection required before operations begin.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — WAC 16-149-030(4) requires compliance with all applicable county and municipal zoning ordinances and a master business license before the WSDA cottage food permit is issued. Asotin County producers should contact Asotin County Planning to confirm home occupation zoning requirements. A Washington State master business license is also required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Washington cottage food: direct sales to consumers only. No internet/mail-order/interstate sales. No retail sales outside Washington. Producers may sell at farmers markets and direct from home. Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing (RCW §69.22.020).

Relevant county code

RCW §69.22.010–.040; WAC 16-149; Asotin County zoning ordinance (home occupation provisions)

RESEARCH NOTES

Washington state cottage food rules confirmed. Asotin County is a rural southeastern WA county bordering Idaho (seat: Asotin). No Asotin County-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Washington applies. Medium confidence: state rules confirmed; county-specific zoning not retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.asotincountywa.gov/>

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

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=69.22&full=true>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 53013 · Dayton

Columbia County

Population 0 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010–.040; WAC 16-149 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Washington state cottage food law (RCW §69.22.010–.040; WAC 16-149) requires a biennial WSDA cottage food permit (\$125 inspection fee + \$75 public health review fee + \$30 processing fee). All food handlers must hold a food and beverage service worker's permit (Chapter 69.06 RCW). Producers must comply with all applicable county and municipal zoning ordinances prior to permitting (WAC 16-149-030(4)). Columbia County is a small rural southeastern Washington county.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	WAC 16-149 restricts access to the permitted area during cottage food production. Pets must be excluded from the permitted area during food production and handling.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement under RCW 69.22 beyond standard food safety practices.
HANDWASHING	Handwashing facilities required per WAC 16-149 basic hygiene standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage per WAC 16-149 basic hygiene requirements; cottage foods must be nonpotentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspection by WSDA required for permit renewal. Initial inspection required before operations begin.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — WAC 16-149-030(4) requires compliance with all applicable county and municipal zoning ordinances and a master business license before the WSDA cottage food permit is issued. Columbia County producers should contact Columbia County Planning (Dayton, WA) to confirm home occupation zoning requirements. A Washington State master business license is also required.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Washington cottage food: direct sales to consumers only. No internet/mail-order/interstate sales. No retail sales outside Washington. Producers may sell at farmers markets and direct from home. Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing (RCW §69.22.020).

Relevant county code

RCW §69.22.010–.040; WAC 16-149; Columbia County zoning ordinance (home occupation provisions)

RESEARCH NOTES

Washington state cottage food rules confirmed. Columbia County WA is a small rural southeastern WA county (seat: Dayton). Note: Columbia County WA (FIPS 53013) is distinct from Columbia County in other states. No Columbia County WA-specific cottage food or home occupation rules found. State baseline for Washington applies. Medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.columbia.wa.us/>

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

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=69.22&full=true>

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 53017 · Waterville

Douglas County

Population 0 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010-.040; WAC 16-149 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Washington state cottage food law (RCW §69.22.010-.040; WAC 16-149) requires a biennial WSDA cottage food permit (\$125 inspection fee + \$75 public health review fee + \$30 processing fee). All food handlers must hold a food and beverage service worker's permit (Chapter 69.06 RCW). Producers must comply with all applicable county and municipal zoning ordinances prior to permitting (WAC 16-149-030(4)). Douglas County has a detailed home occupation ordinance (Chapter 18A.66) that explicitly permits home cooking and preserving for the purpose of selling the product as an allowed home occupation use.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	WAC 16-149 restricts access to the permitted area during cottage food production. Pets must be excluded from the permitted area during food production and handling.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement under RCW 69.22 beyond standard food safety practices.
HANDWASHING	Handwashing facilities required per WAC 16-149 basic hygiene standards.
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage per WAC 16-149 basic hygiene requirements; cottage foods must be nonpotentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspection by WSDA required for permit renewal. Initial inspection required before operations begin.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	yes — Douglas County Chapter 18A.66 requires a home occupation permit for most home-based businesses. Home occupation permit is required unless the activity is specifically exempted. Home cooking and preserving for sale is explicitly listed as a permitted home occupation use (DCC 18A.66.040(A)(10)). Standards include: (1) home occupation must be clearly incidental to residential use; (2) limited to 25% of gross floor area of the structure or 500 sq ft, whichever is less; (3) no exterior or window displays or outdoor storage of materials; (4) retail/wholesale sales limited to products created in the home occupation; (5) no restaurant/cafe uses. Exemptions from permit requirement include temporary home boutiques (max 5 days or 10 days/year) and purely administrative home offices. WAC 16-149-030(4) also requires a Washington State master business license.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Washington cottage food: direct sales to consumers only. No internet/mail-order/interstate sales. No retail sales outside Washington. Producers may sell at farmers markets and direct from home. Douglas County home occupation rules: retail/wholesale sales limited to products created in the home occupation. Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle cottage food products during processing (RCW §69.22.020).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Douglas County home occupation rules: primary residence of the operator required; limited to immediate residents plus one nonresident employee. Only the permittee or persons under direct supervision may handle cottage food products during processing (RCW §69.22.020).

Relevant county code

Douglas County Code (East Wenatchee) Chapter 18A.66 (Home Occupations); RCW §69.22.010–.040; WAC 16-149

RESEARCH NOTES

Douglas County WA (seat: Waterville; East Wenatchee is a city within the county) has a detailed home occupation ordinance (Chapter 18A.66, Ord. TLS 23-11-44B) that explicitly lists home cooking and preserving for sale as a permitted home occupation use (DCC 18A.66.040(A)(10)). Home occupation permit required. Floor area limited to 25%/500 sq ft. No outdoor storage. Retail limited to on-premises products. Classes for home cooking/preserving also permitted. WAC 16-149-030(4) requires county zoning compliance before WSDA cottage food permit is issued. State cottage food baseline applies for food rules. Medium confidence: Douglas County home occupation ordinance confirmed from official CodePublishing source (Ord. TLS 23-11-44B, 2023); WSDA state rules confirmed.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.douglas.wa.us/planning/>

<https://www.co.douglas.wa.us/>

<https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/DouglasCounty/html/DouglasCounty18A/DouglasCounty18A66.html>

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

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=69.22&full=true>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 53019 · Republic

Ferry County

Population 7,551 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010-.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operations. Permit fees: approximately \$125 (inspection) + \$75 (public health review) + \$30 (processing). Annual kitchen inspection required. Home kitchen must be the operator's primary residence. Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle products or be present in the kitchen during processing.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. Pet presence during production is prohibited; standard food safety rules apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific private water testing requirement cited in RCW §69.22; standard water supply requirements apply per Washington food code.

HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker's permit required under RCW chapter 69.06, implying food handler training and hygiene standards including handwashing.
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required by Washington State Department of Agriculture as a permit condition. Permittee must sign document granting WSDA right of entry to home during normal business hours.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Ferry County is a largely rural, unincorporated county. Home-based businesses in unincorporated areas may be regulated under Ferry County zoning code as accessory uses in residential or agricultural zones. No county-specific cottage food overlay found. Standard Washington county home occupation rules typically require that the business be secondary to residential use, with minimal external evidence of commercial activity. Republic (county seat) has its own rules within city limits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Online sales and mail order outside Washington are restricted by statute. Home pickup is generally allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may be in the kitchen during processing per RCW §69.22.

Relevant county code

Ferry County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); RCW §69.22; WAC 16-149

RESEARCH NOTES

Ferry County is a small, rural northeastern Washington county with population ~7,551. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found in 1-2 searches. State baseline (RCW §69.22 / WAC 16-149) is the operative framework. County seat is Republic. Washington cottage food law requires WSDA biennial permit with annual inspections and food handler certification. Defaulting to state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 53023 · Pomeroy

Garfield County

Population 2,225 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010-.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operations. Permit fees: approximately \$125 (inspection) + \$75 (public health review) + \$30 (processing). Annual kitchen inspection required. Home kitchen must be the operator's primary residence. Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle products or be present in the kitchen during processing.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. Pet presence during production is prohibited; standard food safety rules apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific private water testing requirement cited in RCW §69.22; standard water supply requirements apply per Washington food code.
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker's permit required under RCW chapter 69.06, implying food handler training and hygiene standards including handwashing.
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required by Washington State Department of Agriculture as a permit condition. Permittee must sign document granting WSDA right of entry to home during normal business hours.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Garfield County is the least populous county in Washington (pop. ~2,225). Home-based businesses in unincorporated areas are subject to Garfield County zoning code accessory use provisions. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Pomeroy (county seat and only incorporated city) has its own rules within city limits. Standard Washington rural county home occupation rules apply: business must be secondary to residential use, minimal external evidence of commercial activity.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Online sales and mail order outside Washington are restricted by statute. Home pickup generally allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may be in the kitchen during processing per RCW §69.22.

Relevant county code

Garfield County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); RCW §69.22; WAC 16-149

RESEARCH NOTES

Garfield County is the smallest county by population in Washington state (~2,225 residents). No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found in search. State baseline (RCW §69.22 / WAC 16-149) is the operative framework. Washington cottage food law requires WSDA biennial permit with annual inspections and food handler certification. Defaulting to state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.garfieldcountywa.com>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 53031 · Port Townsend

Jefferson County

Population 32,221 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010–.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operations. Permit fees: approximately \$125 (inspection) + \$75 (public health review) + \$30 (processing). Annual kitchen inspection required. Home kitchen must be the operator's primary residence. Jefferson County has a separate 'Cottage Industry' permit process under JCC 18.20.170 for home-based production businesses, processed as Type II or Type III permits depending on use. Home businesses (JCC 18.20.200) also require a supplemental permit application with site plan and floor plan.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. Pet presence during production is prohibited; standard food safety rules apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific private water testing requirement cited in RCW §69.22; standard water supply requirements apply per Washington food code.
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker's permit required under RCW chapter 69.06, implying food handler training and hygiene standards including handwashing.
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required by Washington State Department of Agriculture as a permit condition. Jefferson County Department of Community Development may conduct zoning review for cottage industry/home business permits.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT yes — Jefferson County Code Title 18 (JCC 18.20.170) establishes a 'Cottage Industry' permit for home-based production businesses, processed as Type II (administrative) or Type III (hearing examiner) depending on scale and nature of the use. Separately, JCC 18.20.200 covers 'Home Businesses' with a supplemental application requiring a site plan, floor plan, and permit fees based on valuation (minimum 3 hours). The Department of Community Development at 621 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368 (360-379-4450) handles applications. Port Townsend (county seat, incorporated city) has its own rules within city limits.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Jefferson County cottage industry/home business permit may set conditions on customer visits and traffic. Online sales and mail order outside Washington are restricted by statute.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may be in the kitchen during processing per RCW §69.22. Jefferson County home business permit may impose employee restrictions depending on permit type.

Relevant county code

Jefferson County Code §18.20.170 (Cottage Industry); §18.20.200 (Home Business); RCW §69.22; WAC 16-149

RESEARCH NOTES

Jefferson County has specific cottage industry and home business provisions in JCC 18.20.170 and 18.20.200. Search returned the county code (codepublishing.com) and a Department of Community Development permit guide (co.jefferson.wa.us/DocumentCenter/View/15489). Cottage industry permits are processed as Type II or Type III under JCC Title 18. This is more permitting burden than a typical rural WA county. State baseline (RCW §69.22 / WAC 16-149) remains the food safety framework. Medium confidence — cottage industry permit details confirmed from county code.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.jeffersoncountypublichealth.org>

<https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/communitydevelopment>

<https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us>

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

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

<https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/JeffersonCounty/html/JeffersonCounty18/JeffersonCounty1820.html>

<https://co.jefferson.wa.us/DocumentCenter/View/15489>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 53037 · Ellensburg

Kittitas County

Population 47,935 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010–.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operations. Permit fees: approximately \$125 (inspection) + \$75 (public health review) + \$30 (processing). Annual kitchen inspection required. Home kitchen must be the operator's primary residence. Kittitas County zoning (Title 17) governs home occupation uses in unincorporated areas.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. Pet presence during production is prohibited; standard food safety rules apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific private water testing requirement cited in RCW §69.22; standard water supply requirements apply per Washington food code.
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker's permit required under RCW chapter 69.06, implying food handler training and hygiene standards including handwashing.
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required by Washington State Department of Agriculture as a permit condition. Permittee must sign document granting WSDA right of entry to home during normal business hours.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Kittitas County zoning is contained in Title 17 (available at co.kittitas.wa.us/boc/countycode/title17.aspx). Home occupation permits are regulated as accessory uses in residential zones in unincorporated Kittitas County. The business must be secondary to residential use. Ellensburg (county seat, incorporated city) and other incorporated cities have separate rules within city limits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Online sales and mail order outside Washington are restricted by statute. Home pickup generally allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may be in the kitchen during processing per RCW §69.22.

Relevant county code

Kittitas County Code Title 17 (Zoning, home occupation provisions); RCW §69.22; WAC 16-149

RESEARCH NOTES

Kittitas County Title 17 zoning code was confirmed to exist at the county website (co.kittitas.wa.us). Specific home occupation permit requirements within Title 17 not retrieved in detail; county zoning follows standard WA rural county pattern. State baseline (RCW §69.22 / WAC 16-149) is the operative food safety framework. Medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/boc/countycode/title17.aspx>

<https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us>

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

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

<https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/boc/countycode/title17.aspx>

Klickitat County

Population 22,425 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010–.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operations. Permit fees: approximately \$125 (inspection) + \$75 (public health review) + \$30 (processing). Annual kitchen inspection required. Home kitchen must be the operator's primary residence. Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle products or be present in the kitchen during processing.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. Pet presence during production is prohibited; standard food safety rules apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific private water testing requirement cited in RCW §69.22; standard water supply requirements apply per Washington food code.
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker's permit required under RCW chapter 69.06, implying food handler training and hygiene standards including handwashing.
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required by Washington State Department of Agriculture as a permit condition. Permittee must sign document granting WSDA right of entry to home during normal business hours.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Klickitat County is a rural south-central Washington county along the Columbia River Gorge. Home-based businesses in unincorporated areas are subject to Klickitat County zoning code accessory use provisions. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Goldendale (county seat) and White Salmon are incorporated cities with their own rules within city limits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Online sales and mail order outside Washington are restricted by statute. Home pickup generally allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may be in the kitchen during processing per RCW §69.22.

Relevant county code

Klickitat County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); RCW §69.22; WAC 16-149

RESEARCH NOTES

Klickitat County is a rural Washington county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found in search. State baseline (RCW §69.22 / WAC 16-149) is the operative framework. Defaulting to state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.klickitatcounty.org>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 53043 · Davenport

Lincoln County

Population 10,939 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010–.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operations. Permit fees: approximately \$125 (inspection) + \$75 (public health review) + \$30 (processing). Annual kitchen inspection required. Home kitchen must be the operator's primary residence. Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle products or be present in the kitchen during processing.
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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. Pet presence during production is prohibited; standard food safety rules apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific private water testing requirement cited in RCW §69.22; standard water supply requirements apply per Washington food code.
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker's permit required under RCW chapter 69.06, implying food handler training and hygiene standards including handwashing.
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required by Washington State Department of Agriculture as a permit condition. Permittee must sign document granting WSDA right of entry to home during normal business hours.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Lincoln County is a rural agricultural county in eastern Washington. Home-based businesses in unincorporated areas are subject to Lincoln County zoning code accessory use provisions. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Davenport (county seat) has its own rules within city limits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Online sales and mail order outside Washington are restricted by statute. Home pickup generally allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may be in the kitchen during processing per RCW §69.22.

Relevant county code

Lincoln County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); RCW §69.22; WAC 16-149

RESEARCH NOTES

Lincoln County is a rural eastern Washington county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found in search. State baseline (RCW §69.22 / WAC 16-149) is the operative framework. Defaulting to state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.lincolncountywa.gov>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 53047 · Okanogan

Okanogan County

Population 42,243 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010-.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operations. Permit fees: approximately \$125 (inspection) + \$75 (public health review) + \$30 (processing). Annual kitchen inspection required. Home kitchen must be the operator's primary residence. Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle products or be present in the kitchen during processing.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. Pet presence during production is prohibited; standard food safety rules apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific private water testing requirement cited in RCW §69.22; standard water supply requirements apply per Washington food code.
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker's permit required under RCW chapter 69.06, implying food handler training and hygiene standards including handwashing.

FOOD STORAGE Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required by Washington State Department of Agriculture as a permit condition. Permittee must sign document granting WSDA right of entry to home during normal business hours.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — Okanogan County is the largest county by area in Washington. Home-based businesses in unincorporated areas are subject to Okanogan County zoning code accessory use provisions. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Okanogan city (county seat) and Omak are incorporated cities with their own rules within city limits.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Online sales and mail order outside Washington are restricted by statute. Home pickup generally allowed.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may be in the kitchen during processing per RCW §69.22.

Relevant county code

Okanogan County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); RCW §69.22; WAC 16-149

RESEARCH NOTES

Okanogan County is the largest county by area in Washington state. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found in search. State baseline (RCW §69.22 / WAC 16-149) is the operative framework. Defaulting to state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.okanogancounty.org>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 53049 · South Bend

Pacific County

Population 22,863 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010-.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operations. Permit fees: approximately \$125 (inspection) + \$75 (public health review) + \$30 (processing). Annual kitchen inspection required. Home kitchen must be the operator's primary residence. Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle products or be present in the kitchen during processing.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. Pet presence during production is prohibited; standard food safety rules apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific private water testing requirement cited in RCW §69.22; standard water supply requirements apply per Washington food code.
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker's permit required under RCW chapter 69.06, implying food handler training and hygiene standards including handwashing.
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required by Washington State Department of Agriculture as a permit condition. Permittee must sign document granting WSDA right of entry to home during normal business hours.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Pacific County is a coastal county in southwestern Washington. Home-based businesses in unincorporated areas are subject to Pacific County zoning code accessory use provisions. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. South Bend (county seat) and Long Beach are incorporated cities with their own rules within city limits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Online sales and mail order outside Washington are restricted by statute. Home pickup generally allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may be in the kitchen during processing per RCW §69.22.

Relevant county code

Pacific County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); RCW §69.22; WAC 16-149

RESEARCH NOTES

Pacific County is a rural coastal county in southwestern Washington. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found in search. State baseline (RCW §69.22 / WAC 16-149) is the operative framework. Defaulting to state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.pacificcountywa.gov>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 53051 · Newport

Pend Oreille County

Population 13,623 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010–.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operations. Permit fees: approximately \$125 (inspection) + \$75 (public health review) + \$30 (processing). Annual kitchen inspection required. Home kitchen must be the operator's primary residence. Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle products or be present in the kitchen during processing.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. Pet presence during production is prohibited; standard food safety rules apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific private water testing requirement cited in RCW §69.22; standard water supply requirements apply per Washington food code.
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker's permit required under RCW chapter 69.06, implying food handler training and hygiene standards including handwashing.
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required by Washington State Department of Agriculture as a permit condition. Permittee must sign document granting WSDA right of entry to home during normal business hours.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Pend Oreille County is a heavily forested rural county in northeastern Washington on the Idaho border. Home-based businesses in unincorporated areas are subject to Pend Oreille County zoning code accessory use provisions. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Newport (county seat) has its own rules within city limits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Online sales and mail order outside Washington are restricted by statute. Home pickup generally allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may be in the kitchen during processing per RCW §69.22.

Relevant county code

Pend Oreille County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); RCW §69.22; WAC 16-149

RESEARCH NOTES

Pend Oreille County is a rural northeastern Washington county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found in search. State baseline (RCW §69.22 / WAC 16-149) is the operative framework. Defaulting to state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.pendoreilleco.org>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 53055 · Friday Harbor

San Juan County

Population 17,582 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010–.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operations. Permit fees: approximately \$125 (inspection) + \$75 (public health review) + \$30 (processing). Annual kitchen inspection required. Home kitchen must be the operator's primary residence. San Juan County zoning code is accessible at sanjuancountywa.gov ; county islands geography creates unique logistics for direct-to-consumer sales (ferry access, island-based markets).
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. Pet presence during production is prohibited; standard food safety rules apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific private water testing requirement cited in RCW §69.22; standard water supply requirements apply per Washington food code.
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker's permit required under RCW chapter 69.06, implying food handler training and hygiene standards including handwashing.
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required by Washington State Department of Agriculture as a permit condition. Permittee must sign document granting WSDA right of entry to home during normal business hours.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — San Juan County consists of islands in Puget Sound. Unincorporated county zoning code governs home occupation uses. County code is searchable at sanjuancountywa.gov/2026/Find-County-Code . Friday Harbor (on San Juan Island, county seat, incorporated town) has its own rules within town limits. The island geography means that direct sales typically occur at local farmers markets or by appointment.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Island geography limits logistics; direct home pickup and local island farmers markets are primary channels. Online sales and mail order outside Washington are restricted by statute.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may be in the kitchen during processing per RCW §69.22.

Relevant county code

San Juan County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); RCW §69.22; WAC 16-149

RESEARCH NOTES

San Juan County is an island archipelago county in Puget Sound. The county code search portal was confirmed at sanjuancountywa.gov. Specific home occupation ordinance sections were not retrieved in detail. Island geography creates unique logistics for direct-to-consumer cottage food sales. State baseline (RCW §69.22 / WAC 16-149) is the operative food safety framework. Defaulting to state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.sanjuancountywa.gov/2026/Find-County-Code>

<https://www.sanjuancountywa.gov>

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

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

<https://www.sanjuancountywa.gov/2026/Find-County-Code>

RANK 9999 · FIPS 53059 · Stevenson

Skamania County

Population 11,620 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010–.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operations. Permit fees: approximately \$125 (inspection) + \$75 (public health review) + \$30 (processing). Annual kitchen inspection required. Home kitchen must be the operator's primary residence. Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle products or be present in the kitchen during processing.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. Pet presence during production is prohibited; standard food safety rules apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific private water testing requirement cited in RCW §69.22; standard water supply requirements apply per Washington food code.
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker's permit required under RCW chapter 69.06, implying food handler training and hygiene standards including handwashing.
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required by Washington State Department of Agriculture as a permit condition. Permittee must sign document granting WSDA right of entry to home during normal business hours.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Skamania County is a largely forested county in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Much of the county is subject to Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area land use regulations in addition to county zoning. Home-based businesses in unincorporated areas are subject to Skamania County zoning code accessory use provisions. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Stevenson (county seat) has its own rules within city limits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Online sales and mail order outside Washington are restricted by statute. Home pickup generally allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may be in the kitchen during processing per RCW §69.22.

Relevant county code

Skamania County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area land use regulations; RCW §69.22; WAC 16-149

RESEARCH NOTES

Skamania County is a rural forested county in the Columbia River Gorge with significant federal land. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found in search. State baseline (RCW §69.22 / WAC 16-149) is the operative food safety framework. Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area designation may add complexity to land use but does not directly affect cottage food licensing. Defaulting to state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.skamaniacounty.org>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 53065 · Colville

Stevens County

Population 46,397 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010–.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operations. Permit fees: approximately \$125 (inspection) + \$75 (public health review) + \$30 (processing). Annual kitchen inspection required. Home kitchen must be the operator's primary residence. Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle products or be present in the kitchen during processing.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. Pet presence during production is prohibited; standard food safety rules apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific private water testing requirement cited in RCW §69.22; standard water supply requirements apply per Washington food code.
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker's permit required under RCW chapter 69.06, implying food handler training and hygiene standards including handwashing.
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required by Washington State Department of Agriculture as a permit condition. Permittee must sign document granting WSDA right of entry to home during normal business hours.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Stevens County is a rural northeastern Washington county. Home-based businesses in unincorporated areas are subject to Stevens County zoning code accessory use provisions. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Colville (county seat) and other incorporated cities have their own rules within city limits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Online sales and mail order outside Washington are restricted by statute. Home pickup generally allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may be in the kitchen during processing per RCW §69.22.

Relevant county code

Stevens County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); RCW §69.22; WAC 16-149

RESEARCH NOTES

Stevens County is a rural northeastern Washington county. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found in search. State baseline (RCW §69.22 / WAC 16-149) is the operative framework. Defaulting to state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.stevenscountywa.gov>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 53069 · Cathlamet

Wahkiakum County

Population 4,488 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010–.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operations. Permit fees: approximately \$125 (inspection) + \$75 (public health review) + \$30 (processing). Annual kitchen inspection required. Home kitchen must be the operator's primary residence. Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle products or be present in the kitchen during processing.
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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. Pet presence during production is prohibited; standard food safety rules apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific private water testing requirement cited in RCW §69.22; standard water supply requirements apply per Washington food code.
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker's permit required under RCW chapter 69.06, implying food handler training and hygiene standards including handwashing.
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required by Washington State Department of Agriculture as a permit condition. Permittee must sign document granting WSDA right of entry to home during normal business hours.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — Wahkiakum County is one of the smallest counties by population in Washington (~4,488) on the Columbia River. Home-based businesses in unincorporated areas are subject to Wahkiakum County zoning code accessory use provisions. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Cathlamet (county seat) has its own rules within city limits.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Online sales and mail order outside Washington are restricted by statute. Home pickup generally allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may be in the kitchen during processing per RCW §69.22.

Relevant county code

Wahkiakum County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); RCW §69.22; WAC 16-149

RESEARCH NOTES

Wahkiakum County is among the smallest counties by population in Washington. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found in search. State baseline (RCW §69.22 / WAC 16-149) is the operative framework. Defaulting to state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.wahkiakum.wa.us>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 53075 · Colfax

Whitman County

Population 51,017 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010-.040 · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operations. Permit fees: approximately \$125 (inspection) + \$75 (public health review) + \$30 (processing). Annual kitchen inspection required. Home kitchen must be the operator's primary residence. Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle products or be present in the kitchen during processing.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. Pet presence during production is prohibited; standard food safety rules apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific private water testing requirement cited in RCW §69.22; standard water supply requirements apply per Washington food code.
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker's permit required under RCW chapter 69.06, implying food handler training and hygiene standards including handwashing.

FOOD STORAGE Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required by Washington State Department of Agriculture as a permit condition. Permittee must sign document granting WSDA right of entry to home during normal business hours.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — Whitman County is an agricultural (Palouse wheat country) county in southeastern Washington, home to Washington State University (Pullman). Home-based businesses in unincorporated areas are subject to Whitman County zoning code accessory use provisions. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Colfax (county seat) and Pullman (home to WSU, separately incorporated) have their own rules within city limits.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Online sales and mail order outside Washington are restricted by statute. Home pickup generally allowed.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may be in the kitchen during processing per RCW §69.22.

Relevant county code

Whitman County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); RCW §69.22; WAC 16-149

RESEARCH NOTES

Whitman County is an agricultural county in eastern Washington containing Washington State University (Pullman). No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found in search. State baseline (RCW §69.22 / WAC 16-149) is the operative framework. Pullman has its own city-level rules. Defaulting to state baseline with medium confidence.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.whitmancounty.org>

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

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

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