

Homemade Foods Info Session

Proposed Changes to Title 16



Background

The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) is considering changes to Title 16.60 to align the the food code with Alaska Statute 17.20. This would exempt Homemade Food from permitting requirements if limited to the approved types of homemade foods and there is clear labeling.

The intent of these changes is to create more alignment between the State of Alaska and MOA requirements and reduce administrative burden for local vendors.

Overview of Proposed Changes

If the proposed changes are passed, these changes will:

Repeal:

- Cottage Food License (AMC 16.60.105)
- Raw Shell Egg Vending Permit (AMC 16.60.107)

Add:

- State-aligned exemption for qualifying Homemade Food producers
- TCS* Homemade Foods can be sold only by the producer directly to the consumer.
- Non-TCS foods can be sold directly to consumers by the producer or their agent.

Homemade Food is:

- Prepared or processed in a private residence or in a private or commercial kitchen leased to a producer of Homemade Food,
- Is only for personal consumption,
- is not subject to municipal inspection or permitting, and
- Meets the exemption requirements of AS 39 17.20.332 and section 16.60.105.

*TCS = Time and Temperature Controlled for Safety

Temporary Food Establishments

- Consistently require a minimum five-gallon handwashing station.
- No longer allow chemical towelettes in place of handwashing.

Mobile Units & Kiosks

- Clarify storage requirements.
- Flexible restroom access for food workers.

Next Steps

The proposed changes will be considered by the Anchorage Assembly at its regular Assembly Meeting on November 4, 2025.

The proposed changes will be effective immediately upon approval by the Anchorage Assembly.

All Cottage Food Licenses and Raw Shell Egg Vending Permits expire six months after passage of these changes.