

1 [Health, Business and Tax Regulations Codes - Regulate and Establish Annual Fee - Cottage  
2 Foods Operations]

3 **Ordinance amending the Health Code, by adding Section 452.1, to establish a**  
4 **procedure for regulating Cottage Food Operations; amending the Business and Tax**  
5 **Regulations Code, by adding Section 249.1A, to establish annual fees for Cottage Food**  
6 **Operations; and making environmental findings.**

7 NOTE: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman;  
8 deletions are ~~strike-through italics Times New Roman~~.  
9 Board amendment additions are double-underlined;  
10 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough-normal~~.

11 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

12 Section 1. The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in  
13 this ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public  
14 Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the  
15 Board of Supervisors in File No. 130244 and is incorporated herein by reference.

16 Section 2. The San Francisco Health Code is hereby amended by adding Section  
17 452.1, to read as follows:

18 **SEC. 452.1 COTTAGE FOOD OPERATIONS.**

19 (a) Definitions. For purposes of this Section:

20 (1) "Cottage food operation" means:

21 (A) an enterprise in a private home that has not more in gross annual sales as  
22 follows:

23 for 2013 - \$35,000 or less;

24 for 2014 - \$45,000 or less;

25 for 2015 - \$50,000 or less.

1 Commencing in 2015, and each subsequent year thereafter, the enterprise shall not have more  
2 than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in gross annual sales in the calendar year; and

3 (B) is operated by a cottage food operator, and has not more than one full-time  
4 equivalent employee, not including the cottage food operator and immediate family or household  
5 members of the cottage food operator; and

6 (C) where food products are prepared or packaged for direct and/or indirect  
7 sale to the public.

8 (2) "Cottage food operator" means a person who maintains a cottage food operation in  
9 his or her private home. Cottage food operators are categorized as follows:

10 (A) Class A cottage food operators may engage only in direct sales of cottage  
11 food products to the consumer. A cottage food operation maintained by this  
12 category of cottage food operator is known as a Class A cottage food operation.

13 (B) Class B cottage food operators may engage in direct sales and indirect sales  
14 of cottage food products. A cottage food operation maintained by this category  
15 of cottage food operator is known as a Class B cottage food operation.

16 (3) "Cottage food product" means foods that are not potentially hazardous as  
17 determined by the California Department of Public Health ("CDPH"), as set forth in  
18 California Health & Safety Code Section 114365.5.

19 (4) "Direct sale" means a transaction between a cottage food operator and a consumer,  
20 where the consumer purchases the cottage food product directly from the cottage food  
21 operation. Direct sales include, but are not limited to, transactions at holiday bazaars or  
22 other temporary events, such as bake sales or food swaps, transactions at farm stands,  
23 certified farmers' markets, or through community-supported agriculture subscriptions, and  
24 transactions occurring in person in the cottage food operation.

1           (5) "Indirect sale" means an interaction between a cottage food operation, a third-party  
2 retailer, and a consumer, where the consumer purchases cottage food products made by the  
3 cottage food operation from a third-party retailer that holds a valid permit issued pursuant  
4 to California Health & Safety Code Section 114381. Indirect sales include, but are not  
5 limited to, sales made to retail shops or to retail food facilities where food may be  
6 immediately consumed on the premises.

7           (6) "Registered or permitted area" means that portion of a private home that contains  
8 the private home's kitchen used for the preparation, packaging, storage, or handling of  
9 cottage food products and related ingredients or equipment or both, and the attached rooms  
10 within the home that are used exclusively for storage of said products, ingredients, and/or  
11 equipment.

12 (b) Both Class A and Class B cottage food operators must:

13           (1) Complete a food handling/ processing course; and

14           (2) Prepare only foods approved by the CDPH; and

15           (3) Label cottage food products in accordance with state and federal regulations; and

16           (4) Meet the food preparation and sanitation requirements set forth in California Health  
17 & Safety Code Section 114365, et seq., or any successor provisions; and

18           (5) Comply with all applicable zoning requirements; and

19           (6) Obtain all necessary business licenses and permits.

20 (c) A Class A cottage food operation shall register annually with the San Francisco  
21 Department of Public Health ("Department"), pay the annual registration fee, and certify,  
22 under penalty of perjury, that it complies with state law requirements for the operation of  
23 such businesses as set forth in the California Retail Food Code, Health & Safety Code  
24 Sections 114365, et seq., or any successor provisions, and regulations promulgated by the  
25 CDPH.

1 (d) A Class B cottage food operation shall obtain a permit from the Department, which must  
2 be renewed annually, and pay the initial application fee and annual permit fees. For the  
3 permit to be issued, the Class B cottage food operator shall certify, under penalty of perjury,  
4 that it complies with state law requirements for the operation of such businesses as set forth  
5 in the California Retail Food Code, Health & Safety Code Sections 114365, et seq., and  
6 regulations promulgated by the CDPH. As a condition of the permit being renewed  
7 annually, the Class B cottage food operator shall annually make the same certification,  
8 under penalty of perjury.

9 (e) The Department may inspect the registered area of a Class A cottage food operation or  
10 the permitted area of a Class B food operation only in response to a consumer complaint, or  
11 if the Department reasonably suspects that adulterated or unsafe food has been produced, or  
12 reasonably suspects that the cottage food operation has violated California food safety laws.

13 (f) Registration as a Class A cottage food operation, or a permit for operation of a Class B  
14 cottage food operation, is valid only for the person, location, type of food sales, and  
15 distribution activity specified on the registration or permit for the time period specified, and  
16 is not transferable.

17 (g) Registration as a Class A cottage food operation, or a permit for a Class B cottage food  
18 operation, may be suspended or revoked for violation of state law. For a prospective  
19 suspension or revocation, the Director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health  
20 ("Director") shall issue a written notice to the cottage food operator specifying the alleged  
21 violation(s) and advising the cottage food operator of a right to a hearing. The cottage food  
22 operator shall request a hearing, in writing, within 15 calendar days after receipt of the  
23 notice. Failure to request a hearing within 15 calendar days, shall be deemed a waiver of  
24 the right to a hearing. The hearing shall be held within 15 calendar days of the request for  
25 the hearing.

1            (h) If the Director finds an imminent health hazard, unless the hazard is immediately corrected,  
2 the Director may temporarily suspend registration as a Class A cottage food operation, or a permit for  
3 a Class B cottage food operation, and order the cottage food operation to immediately close. The  
4 Director shall issue a written Notice of Violation setting forth the basis for such action, and provide the  
5 permit holder or practitioner with the right to a hearing, as set forth in subsection (g), above.

6            Section 3. The San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code is hereby amended  
7 by adding Section 249.1A, to read as follows:

8            **SEC. 249.1A Cottage Food Operations Fees.**

9            (a) Class A registration \$100

10           (b) Class B

11                 (1) Application \$332

12                 (2) Annual Permit \$350

13            Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days from the  
14 date of passage.

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16 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
17 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

18 By:   
19 VIRGINIA DARIO ELIZONDO  
20 Deputy City Attorney

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**Ordinance**

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**Date Passed:** May 21, 2013

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May 08, 2013 Budget and Finance Sub-Committee - RECOMMENDED

May 14, 2013 Board of Supervisors - PASSED, ON FIRST READING


Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

May 21, 2013 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED

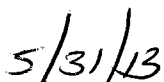
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**I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 5/21/2013 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.**

  
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Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

  
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Mayor

  
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Date Approved