

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Florence County

South Carolina · Florence · FIPS 45041 · Population 137,015 ·
Crosodo Index #1573*

STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
S.C. Code §44-1-145	Good	—	MEDIUM	2026-05-05

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above.

Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision. Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

How to start — 60-second path

Florence County, South Carolina — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under South Carolina cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ South Carolina home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[South Carolina label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

SOUTH CAROLINA: FLORENCE COUNTY

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods only. The 2022 amendment (Act No. 208) expanded distribution to retail stores and grocery stores, allows online/mail order sales, and permits use of SC Department of Agriculture ID number in lieu of home address on labels. No registration or inspection required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Florence County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. City of Florence has its own home occupation rules. No specific county-level cottage food permit override identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (SC Department of Agriculture may inspect upon complaint (formerly DHEC; food safety oversight transferred to SCDA effective July 1, 2024 per Act No. 60, 2023).)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods only. The 2022 amendment (Act No. 208) expanded distribution to retail stores and grocery stores, allows online/mail order sales, and permits use of SC Department of Agriculture ID number in lieu of home address on labels. No registration or inspection required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Required per good food safety practices.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) products only; stored in food-safe containers.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — SC Department of Agriculture may inspect upon complaint (formerly DHEC; food safety oversight transferred to SCDA effective July 1, 2024 per Act No. 60, 2023).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Florence County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. City of Florence has its own home occupation rules. No specific county-level cottage food permit override identified.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home, farmers markets, and roadside stands, as well as indirect sales to retail stores and online/mail order within SC. Wholesale to retail stores permitted since 2022 amendment.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at state level.

Relevant county code

Not identified for Florence County; state law (S.C. Code §44-1-145) governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (SC) confirmed: S.C. Code §44-1-145, 2022 amendment expanded to retail stores, no inspection required. State food safety oversight transferred to SCDA (from DHEC) July 1, 2024. No county-specific URLs in input. Florence County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.florencecounty.gov>

<https://agriculture.sc.gov/programs-services/cottage-food-operations/>

<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t44c001.php>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Florence County	Sumter County	Darlington County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.	No specific state pet restriction for cottage food operations.	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales from home, farmers markets, and roadside stands, as well as indirect sales to retail stores and online/mail order within SC. W...	Direct-to-consumer and indirect sales permitted. Sales to retail stores and grocery stores allowed (2022 amendment). Online and mail order ...	Direct and indirect sales allowed; retail stores, grocery stores, online, and mail order all permitted since 2022 amendment.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. The 2022 amendment (Act No. 208) expanded distribution to retail stores and grocery stores, allows on...	South Carolina allows non-potentially hazardous foods from the kitchen of a primary domestic residence including baked goods, candy, jams, ...	No license, permit, or mandatory application required. Non-PHF foods only. Voluntary registration number available from SCDA. Local zoning ...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) products only; stored in food-safe containers.	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Foods with pH above 5.6 (non-acid) or pH above 4.6 (acidified) presumed potentially hazardous and pro...	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only
POPULATION	137,015	105,199	63,025

State context — South Carolina cottage food law

Florence County's rules sit on top of South Carolina's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE

S.C. Code §44-1-145

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

INDIRECT SALES

Yes — Since the 2022 amendment, home-based food operations may sell to retail stores and grocery stores in addition to direct-to-consumer sales including online and mail order. Retail stores that sell home-based food products must post clearly visible signage indicating the products are not subject to commercial food regulations.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [South Carolina cottage food law report](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/south-carolina.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t44c001.php>

State dept cottage food page: <https://agriculture.sc.gov/programs-services/cottage-food-operations/>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/south-carolina/>

Questions about Florence County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

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Classifieds

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