

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Hampton city

Virginia · Hampton · FIPS 51650 · Population 137,217 ·
Crosodo Index #1581*

STATE BASELINE

Va. Code §3.2-5130

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

Tiered

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

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

Hampton city, Virginia — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

Tiered

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen must remain sanitary.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Virginia 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
- ☐ Virginia home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Virginia label one-pager →](#)

[Print labels for your first market →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

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

VIRGINIA: HAMPTON CITY

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Hampton is an independent city in Virginia. Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. No state registration required. Pickles/acidified vegetables capped at \$9,000 annual gross sales. Products must be labeled 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. Hampton city zoning ordinance may impose home occupation requirements.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen must remain sanitary.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Hampton is an independent city (not a county) in Virginia. Hampton city's zoning ordinance governs home-based businesses. A home occupation permit may be required. Check Hampton city government at hampton.gov for current home occupation ordinance provisions.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen must remain sanitary.

WATER SUPPLY

Potable water required.

HANDWASHING

Required per good food safety practices.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-TCS shelf-stable products only; stored in food-safe containers.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only per state law. Sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, and online with local delivery.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at state level.

Relevant county code

Hampton City Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (VA) confirmed. Hampton is a Virginia independent city (not part of a county) — functions as both city and county. Hampton city govt URL confirmed (hampton.gov). No specific city-level cottage food ordinance found via research. Hampton is a mid-sized coastal city in the Hampton Roads metro area. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://hampton.gov>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://hampton.gov>

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/virginia/hampton-city-discuss

Hampton city and nearby places

Regulation	Hampton city	Portsmouth city	Newport News city
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen must remain sanitary.	No state restriction; Portsmouth home occupation rules do not specifically address pets.	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	Upon-complaint	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	No	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only per state law. Sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, and online with local delivery.	Virginia allows direct sales; Portsmouth home occupation rules may restrict customer visits to the home. Customer pickup may be limited. Fa...	Direct sales at home, farmers markets, online with local delivery. Customer visits limited per zoning rules.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Yes	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Yes	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Hampton is an independent city in Virginia. Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. No state registration required. Pickles/acidified vegetables c...	Virginia state law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) allows home kitchen production of non-TCS shelf-stable cottage foods with no registration or inspec...	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Non-acidified cottage foods have no stated dollar cap; pickles and acidified vegetables capped at \$9,000/y...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only; stored in food-safe containers.	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.	Shelf-stable storage for non-TCS foods.
POPULATION	137,217	97,384	185,118

State context — Virginia cottage food law

Hampton city's rules sit on top of Virginia's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (HB 402 / 2026 c. 605)

ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

INDIRECT SALES

No — As amended by HB 402 (Acts of Assembly 2026 Ch. 605), effective July 1, 2026: exempt foods may be sold at any location, through the internet, or by phone to an individual in Virginia for their own consumption, and delivered in person, by mail, or by delivery service in Virginia. Still no resale, consignment, restaurants, retail food establishments, or out-of-state sales. Local zoning still applies. The VDACS home-food-processor FAQ PDF is stale (still says no online sales); the statute controls. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/2026/HB402>

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title3.2/chapter51/section3.2-5130/>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

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

Questions about Hampton city? 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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